



he

Hi-Noc-Ar

Nineteen-hundred-forty-nine A.D.



So one of  
the sweetest  
girl I know!  
Good Luck!  
Elin. Chandler  
5/27/49

Lots of Love  
you are adorable.  
Johnnie Shelton

Norma,  
Lots of Luck to a very  
sweet girl.

Mary Jo Goodwin  
(Joie)

Love  
Luck  
Laughter

Love to Norma,  
Norma

Yo Norma, a cute and  
sweet. --- One I'll  
always remember.

Lit Bateman "48-49"

Good Luck in the  
future years! You really  
deserve it!  
Gene

Best of Luck  
Bill Thomas  
T. N. T.

Edgar Bulluck

Best of Luck  
Colin Sholar

Given to the Library

by

Doug Matthews

Norma Pittman

Norma,  
I think you  
are a very sweet girl.  
Lots of luck to you.  
Love always,  
"Mac"

Best of luck in  
your future  
Shirley

To a swell girl  
Best of luck to ya.  
Betty "Low"

Norma,  
It has been nice knowing  
you this year and I hope  
we can always be friends  
Remember our phio. ship this  
summer. Emily

To a swell girl  
Love ya  
Dad

Norma,  
Love going to  
football games  
with you.  
Mary Wilson

Norma you are the swellest friend  
I have ever had. It has been  
real fun going around with you this  
year and I hope we will do the  
same next year. You are the cutest  
and and sweetest girl I know. I  
hope you will have luck all  
through the rest of the school  
years 'cause you deserve it more  
than anyone I know.

Love ya' always,  
Peggy

Norma,  
I have enjoyed being in  
your classes. I hope I am in  
some next year.  
Good luck!  
Thelma  
Lancaster

Best of luck to  
a sweet girl. I wish  
we could have more times  
like we did at "Caroline Beach".  
Love,  
Charlotte

Best of luck to  
a sweet girl  
Helen Moore

Norma,  
You're a very  
sweet girl and  
I've really enjoyed  
being with you  
this year. I hope  
we'll be together  
next year.



Love,  
Betty Jo Youngner

I thought you  
kept us from getting "acquainted"  
ya a swell girl and I like  
ya a lot. Best of luck  
and best of luck  
Bobby Davis



TO YOU  
FROM Billy Rauls

Norma, been so much  
fun being with you this  
year and I hope we will  
have classes together  
next year. I've just  
this summer eat  
be good!  
Love ya,  
May

Good luck to  
Norma.  
Love,  
To



Norma,

You are a mighty  
sweet girl and I  
love you,

Here's to a *gran*  
swell gal, *cooper*  
Janet Mellon

Norma, you are really  
a nice and sweet girl.  
I'm glad knowing you.  
Love ya,  
Puckett

Norma,  
it's been fun in  
living this year. Hope  
we meet again next  
year.  
Lots of luck,  
Margaret  
Dahl

Roses are red,  
Violets are blue,  
Monkeys are cute,  
And so are you.

- Donald Cooker

Norma,  
loads of love always  
Neil Williams



I wish you luck,  
your reader sweet  
Galateo to. Have a  
nice time this summer.  
See you next year. Want to  
come down with you to  
find out how

find out how





**THE SEN**

*Norma,*  
I really am glad  
you made it to  
Rocky Mountain. You are  
the sweetest & prettiest  
girl I know  
Best of luck always  
Julia Harrell

**The Best Year**

**Hi-noc-at,**  
**1949**

128 pages  
200  
200





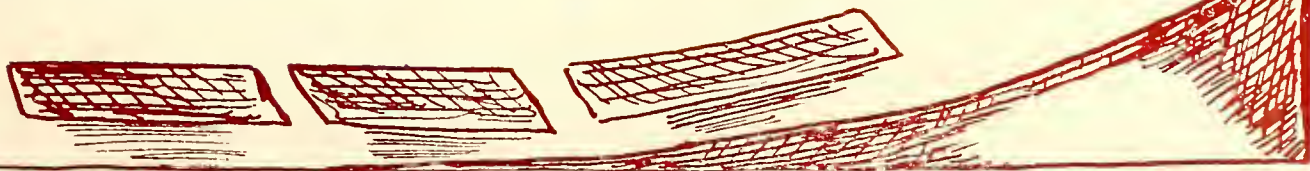


# FOR CLASS HIGH SCHOOL ENTS

## of Our Lives

Best of good  
looks he meet  
forever & I'll like you always.  
Remember me always.  
J.C.  
Alma  
You're a cutie  
Best wishes all  
See you next

JANE THOMAS...EDITOR  
HUGH PEARSON...BUS. MGR.  
NANCY HOBBS...ADV. MGR.  
NANCY YELVERTON...CIRC. MGR.  
MEMBER OF C. S. P. A. —







## PROLOGUE

"All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players  
and one man in his time plays many parts." Shakespeare.

In this, the 1949 Hi-Noc-Ar, we present our world, Rocky Mount High School, and its production "The Best Year of Our Lives", in which we, the students, play many parts. We are the stars, the supporting players and the understudies. Just as a professional play depends upon minute details, and countless unnamed persons for success, so does our school need the help of every single member of its cast for a smooth production. No one is unimportant, no one is all-important, for everyone has a role. There are those who direct, those who perform and those who are content to work behind scenes without special recognition. Ours is a stupendous production with a cast of over 750 working together for a smash hit! The pages of this volume, then, are a reflection of our life during 1948-49 "The Best Year of Our Lives".



Norma,  
See you don't  
know how happy  
I am that you  
are going to be  
a pledge to the  
N.H.S. - and  
wait for you to  
be my "wife."

Love yours  
Norma

N.H.S.





## DEDICATION

In every successful play that has a long run on Broadway there is usually a famous star—A name—an artist. In Hollywood the Academy of Arts and Sciences annually presents its "Oscars" for outstanding performances and contributions to the motion picture industry. In keeping with this trend of rewarding meritorious service and excellent performance, we the staff of the 1949 Hi-Noc-Ar proudly present our candidate for top honors in the current production, "The Best Year of Our Lives", our star of stars, Mr. C. M. Edson.

His unfailing sense of humor, his fairness of policy, his keen interest in the students, and in the school, and his untiring efforts to bring state-wide recognition to Rocky Mount High have endeared him to all of the students and his fellow workers. So to Mr. Cyrus M. Edson—teacher, advisor, and friend, we gratefully dedicate this annual.





MR. R. M. WILSON  
Superintendent of City Schools

Born, August 18, 1888

Died, April 1, 1949

*"THERE IS NO DEATH"*

*"There is no death! the stars go down  
To rise upon some other shore,  
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown,  
They shine forever more."*

John Luckey McCreery



MR. D. S. JOHNSON  
Principal

Graduated from Duke University with  
B. A. 1924. Obtained M. A. at Duke in  
1929.

Principal of RMHS since 1944. Recently  
elected Superintendent of City Schools.



#### SCHOOL BOARD

STANDING—W. R. Coleman, George S. Edwards, Frank S. Wilkinson, W. L. Thorp. SEATED—Mrs. T. R. Easterling, R. M. Wilson, Mrs. W. J. Whitehurst. Members not present: J. C. Braswell, L. L. Gravely, C. S. Taylor.



# 'THE BEST YEAR OF OUR LIVES'

PRODUCED BY  
MR. R. M. WILSON  
MR. D. S. JOHNSON

DIRECTED BY  
THE FACULTY

SPONSORED BY  
THE SCHOOL BOARD

## TECHNICAL STAFF

Mr. Cartee  
Mr. Jones  
Mrs. Thorp  
Mrs. Lamm  
Mrs. Frady

Octavius Suggs  
Mary Boyd  
Major Ward  
Callie May Joyner  
Beatrice Barnes



— 1949 —



## Directors of '49



MR. E. E. ADKINS—*Mathematics, Director of Athletics, A. B. Duke University, Graduate work—Columbia, U. N. C.*



MR. NEAL A. ADKINS—*Industrial Arts, Vocational Education Supervisor, Vocational Education, Rocky Mount City Schools B. Ed. Eastern Ill. Teachers' College, Graduate work—Ohio State University.*



MISS ANN BIRKHEAD—*Commercial Education Advisor Good Sports Club, B. S. S. A., Woman's College of U. N. C.*



MISS WITA AVIS BOND—*Mathematics, Sponsor for National Honor Society, A. B. E. C. T. C., M. A. Duke University, Graduate work, University of Chicago, Columbia.*



MRS. SUE BOWDEN—*Commercial Education A. B. E. C. T. C., M. A. New York University.*



MRS. BESSIE CARR—*Secretary to Principal.*



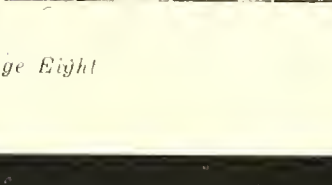
MR. S. L. CHAPMAN—*Woodwork, Drawing, D. O. B. S. Georgia Teachers' College.*



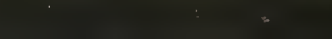
MR. CLEET C. CLEETWOOD—*Science, Civics, Athletics Coach, B. S. Appalachian State Teachers' College, Graduate work, U. N. C., A. S. T. C.*



MISS DGROTHY CRAIGHILL—*French, Civics, Sponsor for Service Club, A. B. George Washington University.*



MRS. H. J. CUTHRELL—*English, Spanish, A. B. W. C. U. N. C. Graduate work, Duke, W. C. U. N. C.*



MR. C. M. EDSON—*Dramatics, English, Speech Advisor Black Masquers, Speech Choir, Photography Club, A. B. and M. A. University of North Carolina.*



MRS. JOHN FARMER—*English, Coach for Debating Team, A. B. Woman's College of U. N. C. Graduate work, University of N. C.*



MISS JULIA FULLER—*Physical Education, Health Advisor Junior Tri-Hi-Y, Girls Athletic Association, B. S. Woman's College of U. N. C., M. A. U. N. C.*



MR. RALPH GORHAM—*History, Civics, A. B. University of North Carolina, Graduate work, University of N. C.*



MISS DORIS HOLLOWELL—*English, Advisor Good Sports Club, Cheerleaders, A. B. East Carolina Teachers' College, Graduate work, University of N. C.*



MISS JESSIE JOHNSON—*English, Chairman English Department, A. B. Woman's College of U. N. C. Graduate work, Columbia University, U. N. C.*



MISS KATE PARKS KITCHIN—*English, Dean of Girls, Counselling, Advisor for Student Government Organization, Director of Social Program, Coordinator for R. M. Future Teachers, A. B. U. N. C., M. A. Columbia, Graduate work, Northwestern University, U. N. C.*



MR. C. V. LUNDY—*Physical Education, Athletics Coach, B. S. East Tennessee State College, Graduate work, University of Southern California.*



## Directors of '49

MR. A. MALLOY MCGREGOR—Mathematics, Business Manager of Athletics, Senior Class Sponsor, A. B., M. A. University of South Carolina. Graduate work, University of Va., Peabody, University of Chicago, University of N. C.

MISS EDNA McLAUGHLIN—Latin, Sponsor for Senior Tri-Hi-Y, B. A. Flora MacDonald College. Graduate work, Wake Forest College.

MISS ALMA MURCHISON—English, Co-Advisor Hi-Noc-Ar. B. S. Mary Washington College. Graduate work, Wake Forest College.

MISS IOLA PARKER—History, Advisor for Student World Federalists. A. B. Woman's College of U. N. C., Graduate work, Duke University.

MR. H. T. PARRY—Band, Choir, B. S. Drake University. Graduate Work, Northwestern.

MISS ELEANOR PEARSALL—Librarian, A. B. Goucher College. Graduate work, B. S. University of N. C., New York University, Columbia.

MR. C. E. PRIVOTT—Science, Chemistry, Physics, Co-Advisor Hi-Noc-Ar. B. S. and M. A. Wake Forest. Graduate work, Wake Forest.

MISS MARGARET RICKS—Geometry, Trig, B. A. Converse, Georgetown, Peabody. Graduate work, M. A. Georgetown, M. A. Peabody.

MISS JEAN MARCIA RIDDLE—Distributive Education, Advisor for Freshman Girls Hi-Y, D. E. Club. B. S. Richmond Professional Institute.

MISS ATHLEEN TURNAGE—Mathematics, History Advisor for Junior Red Cross Club, A. B. Woman's College of U. N. C. Graduate work, University of N. C. University of Virginia.

MRS. ORA VANBUSKIRK—Biology, Science, Junior Class Advisor, A. B. Elon College. Graduate work, M. A. Duke University.

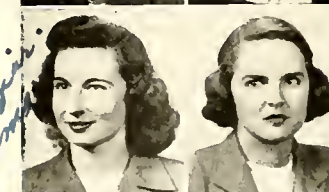
MISS RUBIE VAUSE—English, B. A. Duke University.

MRS. EUNICE WILLIAMS—Home Economics, B. S. Woman's College of U. N. C.

MISS MARY WOOD WINSLOW—History, Economics, Sociology, Civics, A. B. University of North Carolina. Graduate work, University of North Carolina.

MISS HAZEL WORSLEY—Piano, B. A. Woman's College of U. N. C. Graduate work, Columbia, Carolina, Woman's College.

MRS. T. D. YOUNG—English, Journalism. Advisor for The Blackbird, A. B. Duke University.



*my best wish:  
a.m. mcgregor*

*to me  
this is  
knowing  
Best  
Edna McLaughlin*

*norma -  
you're a good  
digger in 101.  
Do you not say  
E. Williams*





# 'THE BEST YEAR OF OUR LIVES'

CAST OF CHARACTERS

STARRING  
THE SENIOR CLASS

FEATURING  
THE JUNIOR CLASS

SUPPORTED BY  
THE SOPHOMORE CLASS

UNDERSTUDIED BY  
THE FRESHMAN CLASS



— 1949 —

## ORIGINAL CAST



### 1st SEMESTER

ROY LEE FULCHER, *President*  
PAT BOONE, *Vice-President*  
NANCY YELVERTON, *Secretary*  
JOE BREWER, *Treasurer*

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Early last fall, the Seniors began a series of Wednesday morning class meetings. The programs were varied and most helpful to the class members. Such topics as vocation, traffic safety, prevention and cure of tuberculosis, and courtesy were discussed. With the help of the Jaycee Club, the class planned and sponsored the school's first career day. Seniors from West Edgecombe and Benvenue were our guests on this occasion.

## Outstanding Performers of the Senior Class

## REPLACEMENTS



### 2nd SEMESTER

ROY LEE FULCHER, *President*  
NANCY HOBBS, *Vice-President*  
JACK GRIFFIN, *Secretary*  
JEAN DAVENPORT, *Treasurer*

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The class meetings, which were well received, were continued with equal success during the spring semester. Near the end of school, as the Hi-Noc-Ar went to press, a number of committees were at work on the various activities of commencement week. These committees, except "Graduation 1949" to equal any in the schools history.



## Stars of '49

ERNEST ADAMS—*Carefree, has a good time all the time.*

ROBIN ARRINGTON—"T-Bird" . . . *Loves people and vice versa. Junior-Senior Tri-Hi-Y, Cheerleader, Good Sports, Class Offices, Tennis Team, Committee for Junior Senior, "Most Typical Senior Girl".*

BOBBY JOE BAKER—*Friendly, happy, grand all 'round boy. Homeroom Offices, Tennis Team, State Tennis Champion, Varsity Football, Senior Superlative, Traffic Committee, Student Government Representative.*

BETTY BARNES—*Twinkling eyes, friendly smile—Betty. Dramatics Club, Homeroom Offices, Delegate to S. N. H. S. Convention, Committee for Junior-Senior, Delegate to Girls' State, Marshall, Treasurer of National Honor Society, Hi-Noc-Ar Staff, Treasurer of High School, Junior-Senior Tri-Hi-Y Clubs, World Federalists, Speech Choir.*

WILLIAM CLIFTON BARNES, Jr.—*Easy to get along with, carefree and easy going. Dramatics, Choir.*

NANCY BARTHOLOMEW—"Tholly", our Bernhardt—*wisdom beyond her years. Cheerleader, Secretary of Tri-Hi-Y, Secretary of Freshman Class, Homeroom Offices, Speech Choir, Dramatics Club President, Black Masquers, Contest Plays, Chairman of Stunt Night, Runner-up to Campus Sweetheart, Good Sports, Hi-Noc-Ar Staff.*

BILL BATCHELOR—*Full of fun—good lookin'—a ladies' man. Boy Scout, Home Room Offices, Shop Club, Speech Choir, Hi-Y.*

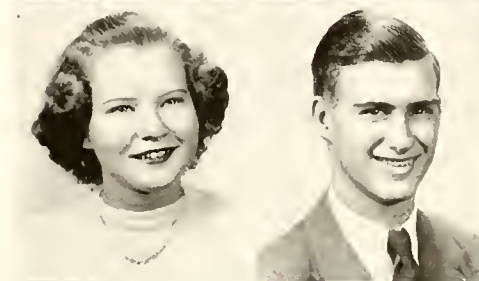
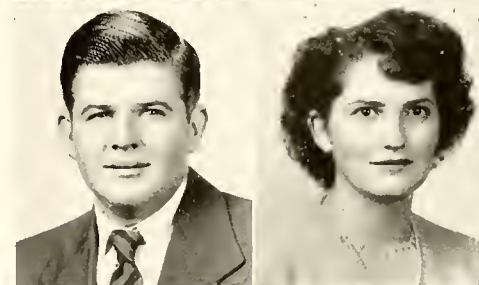
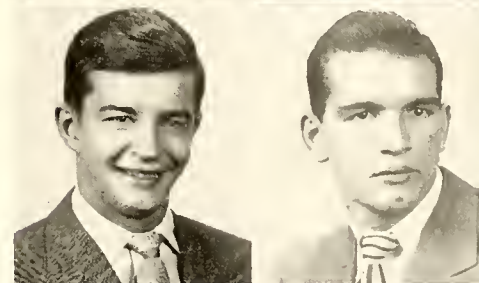
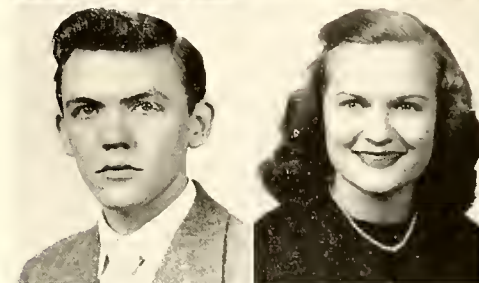
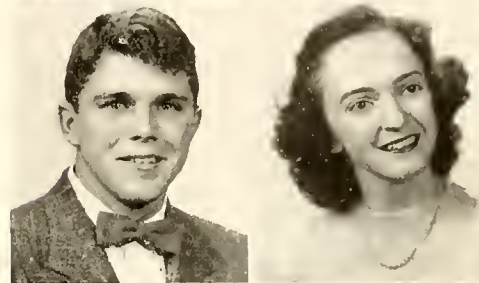
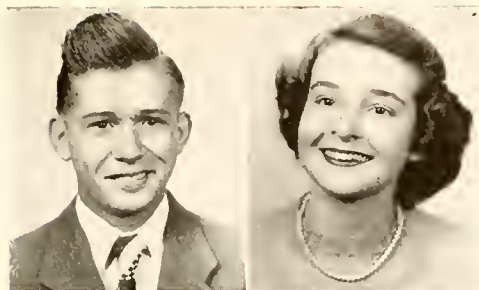
CHARLES BATCHELOR—*Two Year Senior—loves his football graduated mid-term. Football Co-Captain, Home Room Offices.*

JACK BATCHELOR—*A strong interest in radio . . . a dependable student. Lion Boy of the Week. Photography Club, Student Government Representative, Home Room Offices.*

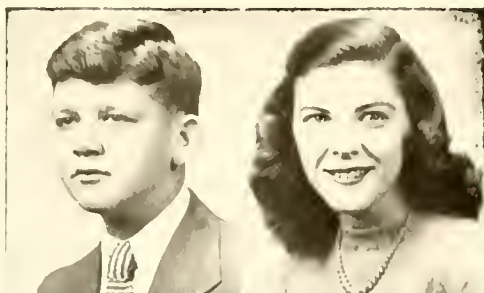
CALLA ELIZABETH BATEMAN—*Extremely conscientious, faces life with a sober outlook. Senior Tri-Hi-Y, Dean's Assistant, Red Cross Council, F. H. A.*

MARY TOM BATTLE—"Tom" Says what she means and means what she says. *Student Government Representative, Bond Booster, Red Cross Council, Junior-Senior Tri-Hi-Y Offices, Delegate to Girls' State, Treasurer of National Honor Society, Good Sports, Superlative.*

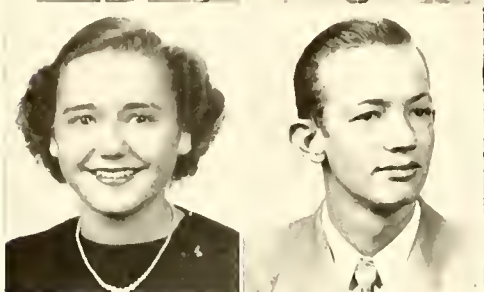
JAMES K. BELL—*More than willing to participate in any activity. Boy's Chorus, Choir, C. A. P., National Guard.*



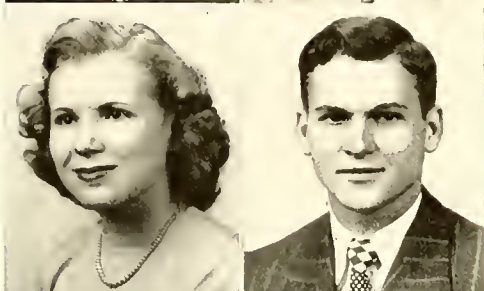
## Stars of '49



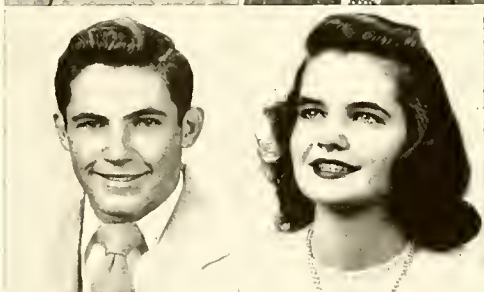
**JACK BIZZELL**—Gay and friendly, Jack has few worries. Choir, Vice-President of Homeroom, Ass't. Football and Basketball Manager.



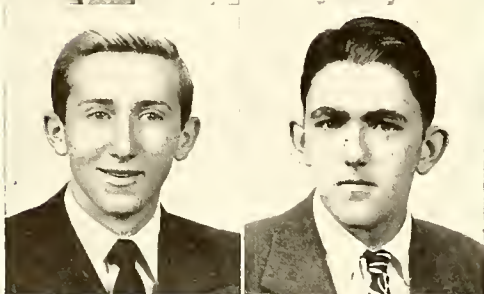
**JOYCE BLUNT**—"Dreary" has a subtle humor and a strong will. Junior-Senior Tri-Hi-Y, Student Government Representative, Home Room Offices, Speech Choir.



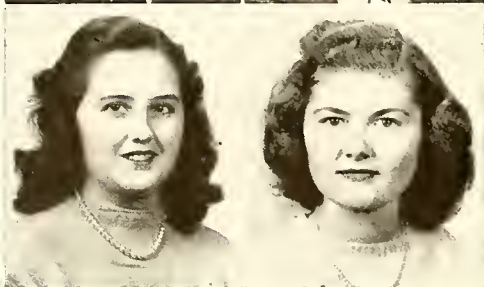
**LUCY ANN BODDIE**—Effervescent—enjoys life—always full of fun. Junior and Senior Tri-Hi-Y, Good Sports, May Court 48, Campus Sweetheart, Student Government Representative, Superlatives, Head Cheerleader, Homeroom Offices.



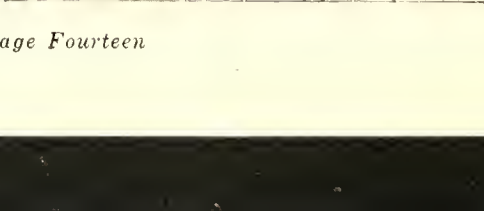
**ROBERT P. BOLTON**—Bob—Prides himself in his knowledge of the stage, fond of Dramatics. Stage Crew, Speech Choir, Black Masquers, Dramatics Club, Shop Club.



**PATTY RUTH BOONE**—A quiet kind of beauty—dependable—efficient. Homeroom Offices, Class Offices, Dramatics Club, Junior Tri-Hi-Y, Secretary of National Honor Society, Service Club, Choir, Speech Choir, Health Champion, GAA, Black Masquers.



**JIMMIE BRAKE**—Seldom without a smile, avoids crowds, yet is well liked. Hi-Y, Student Government Representative, B Squad Football, Varsity, Eagle Scout, Shop Club.



**JOSEPH B. BREWER, Jr.**—"Pretty Boy" Always looks and acts like a gentleman. Secretary of Senior Class, Football, Superlative, Student Government Representative, Boy's Chorus, Stage Manager, Black Masquers.



**BETTY JEAN BULLUCK**—Straight forward and smiling—neat—friendly to all. Student Government Representative, Girl's Chorus, Homeroom Offices, Choir, Junior and Senior Tri-Hi-Y, Junior-Senior Committee.



**DON BULLUCK**—Friendly and playful, usually willing to lend a helping hand. Secretary to Hi-Y, Junior-Senior Committee.



**DICK BURTON**—"Bird" Always friendly and courteous takes his duties seriously. President of Hi-Y, President of American History Class, Scout.



**DELORES CAMPBELL**—Friendly though quiet—always tries to do her best. Tri-Hi-Y, Junior-Senior Refreshment Committee, Homeroom Offices, Dramatics Club.



**ELOISE CARMICHAEL**—Polite and friendly—does her share of any job. GAA, Home Economics Club, Dramatics Club, Speech Choir, Dramatics.



## Stars of '49

ALVIS BRYAN CARR, Jr.—(Brynie) Enjoys the lighter things of life—loves dancing—friendly. Shop Club, Stage Crew, Black Masquers, Vice-President of Hi-Y, Boy Scouts, Contest Play, Student Government Representative, Dramatics.

JAMES CARTEE, Jr.—Does his work well—is courteous and reserved. Home Room Treasurer, Shop Club.

LUTA CHIPLEY—Friendly and always willing to cooperate. Junior and Senior Tri-Hi-Y, President of Senior Tri-Hi-Y, Vice-President of Good Sports Club, Vice-President and President of Jr. Music Club, Treasurer of Junior Class, Student Government Representative, Choir, Homeroom Offices, Tennis Team, National Honor Society.

PETE CHRISTIAN—Usually quiet but enjoys life to the fullest.

ALMA COCKRELL—Sweet and sincere—does her work in a steady pace. Choir, G. A. A.

THURMAN COCKRELL—Has little to say—enjoys life in a quiet fashion.

JANE COLEY—Serious minded and capable; friendly and happy. G. A. A. and Tri-Hi-Y.

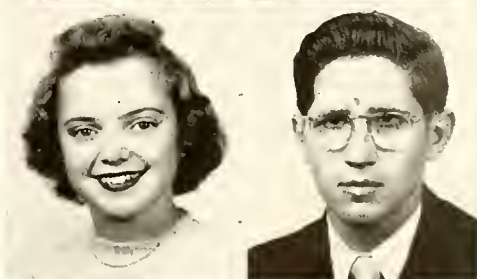
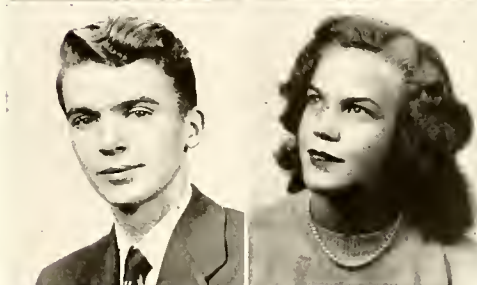
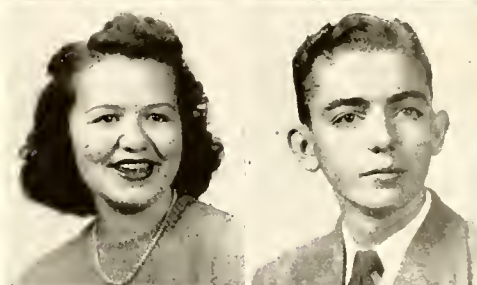
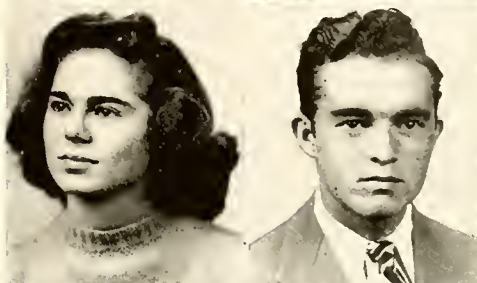
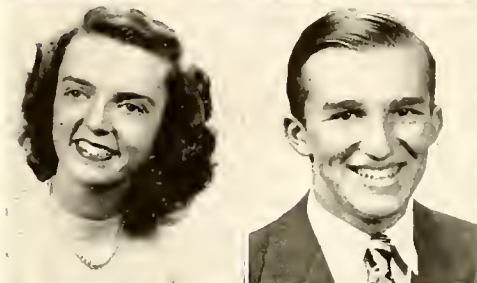
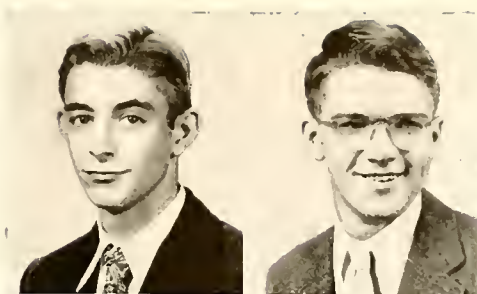
J. C. COOK—Talent for creative writing—talent for dramatics—a hard worker. Home Room and Class Offices, Hi-Noc-Ar, Editor of Blackbird, Contest Play, Student Government Representative, Speech Choir, Black Masquers, Kiwanis Boy of the Month, Lion Boy of the Week.

VERNON CULPEPPER—Efficient—a hard worker—divides time between school and work. Choir, Homeroom Offices, Offices of D. E. Club.

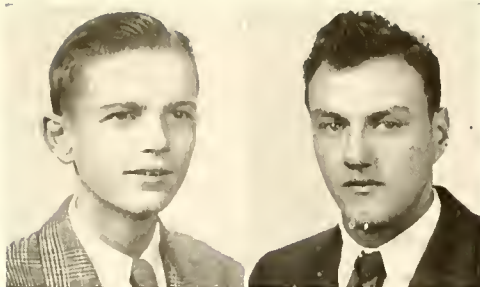
VIVIAN DAUGHTRIDGE—Cheerful, likes everyone and in turn is well liked. Treasurer of Tri-Hi-Y, Secretary of Service Club, Dramatics Club, Homeroom Offices, Student Government Representative, GAA, Choir, Speech Choir, Band, F.H.A., Alternate to Girls' State.

FRANCES JEAN DAVENPORT—Easy Going, carefree; this strawberry blond is a friend to all. Junior and Senior Tri-Hi-Y, President and Secretary of Good Sports Club, Maid of Honor May Court 48', Student Government Representative, Treasurer of Senior Class, Superlative, Blackbird Staff, National Honor Society.

JAMES RUSSELL DENTON—Says little, but is well liked by acquaintances.

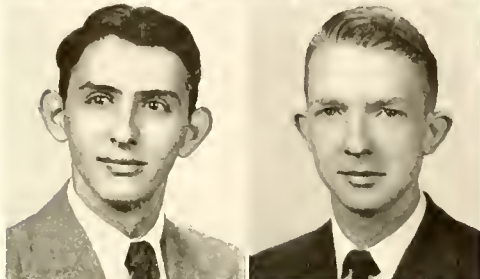


## Stars of '49



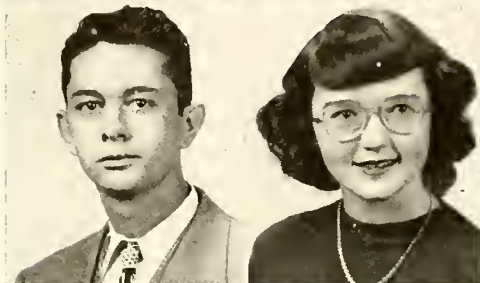
RAYMOND DORSETT—Sloppy, noisy, and happy—a jitterbug from way back. Cheerleader, Dramatics, Black Masquers, Club 18, Home Room Officers, Hi-Y.

VERNON DRAUGHAN—"Buck" Firm in his convictions means what he says. Chairman of House and Grounds Committee, Boys' Chorus, Dramatics Club, Student Government Representative.



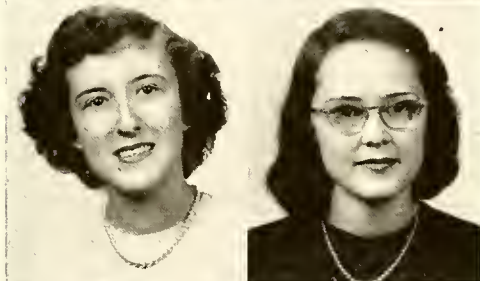
CHARLES ECONOMOUS—Neat, polite, and quiet—likes and plays concert piano. Homeroom Officers.

ROBERT FRANK EDGE—Can always find something for a laugh. National Music Honor Society, Red Cross Council, Speech Choir, Hi-Y.



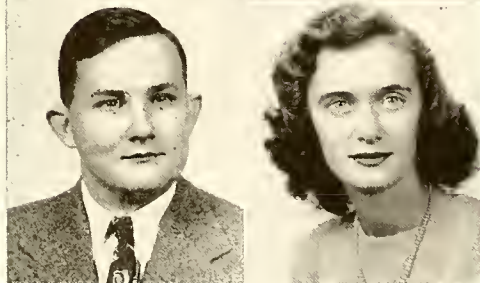
GRADY EDWARDS—Quiet, unassuming—known for capable art work. Scenery artist for dramatics, Art Editor of Hi-Noc-Ar, Black Masquers.

OLIVIA ELLEN—Quiet—always ready to pitch in and do her share of work. Dramatics Club, Junior and Senior Tri-Hi-Y, Good Sports Club, Honor Society, Tennis Team, President of G.A.A.



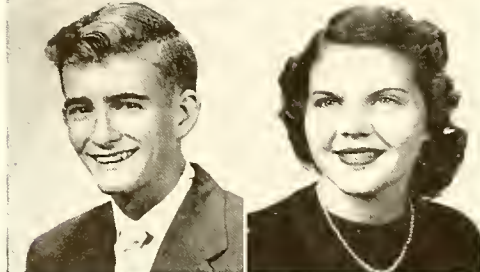
ANN EVELAND—Sweet and sincere—does her work well. Junior Tri-Hi-Y, F. H. A., Red Cross Council.

NAOMI FISHER—"Pinky" Stands willing to lend a helping hand when needed. Student Government Representative, Dramatics Club, Red Cross Council, Junior Tri-Hi-Y, Homeroom Officers, Service Club.



ARTHUR GREEN FOUNTAIN—Always seen with a smile for everyone. Homeroom Officers, Secretary of Hi-Y, Student Government Representative, Social Committee, Red Cross Council.

CLARA ELLEN FRANCIS—"Bag" always stands ready to take on another job—a fine girl in all respects. Good Sports Club, Service Club, National Honor Society, Black Masquers, Chairman Social Committee, Debating Team, Secretary N. C. S. C. C., Secretary and Vice-President of North and South Carolina Tri-Hi-Y, Secretary of Sophomore Class, Tennis Team, Speech Choir, Delegate to National Student Council Assembly, Contest Play, Superlative.



M. L. FREDERICK—Unassuming, yet friendly—well liked by those who know him best. Boy's Chorus, Secretary of American History Class, Scout.

JEANETTE FRYE—Sweet and thoughtful of others.



## Stars of '49

**ROY LEE FULCHER**—"Young Roy" Good natured, conscientious, makes and keeps friends. President of Senior Class, Hi-Y, Kiwanis Boy of the Month, Lion Boy of the Week, Homeroom Offices, Delegate to Boy's State, Choir, Superlative, Cheerleader, Speech Choir, Homeroom Representative.

**CARRIE BELLE FUSSELL**—Small and silent—a good student, a sweet girl. Dramatics Club, Junior Tri-Hi-Y, Home Economics Club, Home Economics Council, Homeroom Offices.

**DENNIS GARDNER**—Regards most matters lightly so has few worries. President of D. E. Club, Secretary of Wood Shop.

**HERBERT GAY**—Little and lively—friendly and courteous to everyone. President of D. E. Club, Wood Shop Club, Homeroom Offices.

**WALTER HERMAN GEDDIE**—"Meatball" A head full of wit—good dramatic talent. Blackbird Staff, CSPA Delegate to New York, Contest Play, Debating Club, Advertising Manager "The Tragedy", Hi-Y, Shop Club, Boys Chorus.

**LAMONT GIBSON**—Gets his share of fun out of life. sometimes talkative sometimes quiet. "Most Valuable Player". Football Trophy 1948.

**JIMMY GILLIAM**—"All-Star" An efficient worker, a good speaker a courteous gentleman. Dramatics Club, Hi-Y, Service Club, Homeroom Offices, Class President, Black Masquers, Superlative, Traffic Committee, MC of Teen-Time, Lion Boy of the Week, Blackbird Clown.

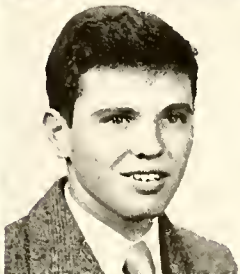
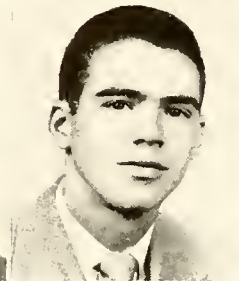
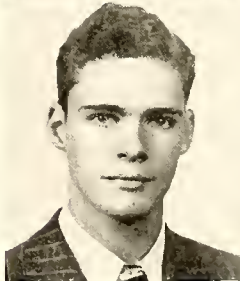
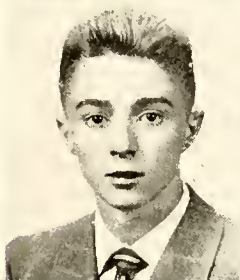
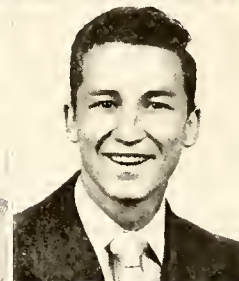
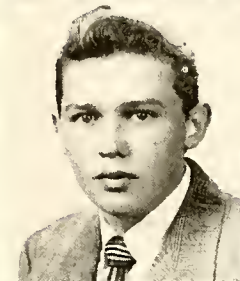
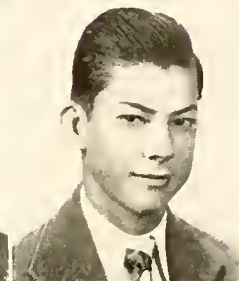
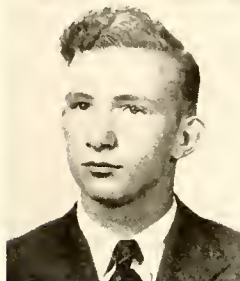
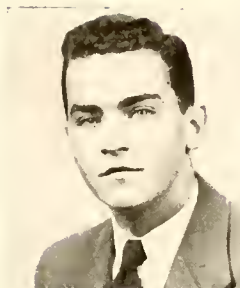
**MARZILLA ANN GREEN**—Soft spoken and reserved, a display of manners and courtesy. Choir, Homeroom Offices, Home Room Representative, Superlative, Public Speaking Club, FHA.

**JACK GRIFFIN**—"Ace" Light-hearted and loud—always wears a grin. Vice-President Sophomore Class, Treasurer Sophomore Class, Secretary Senior Class, Hi-Y, Baseball, Basketball, Home Room Offices, Speech Choir, Service Club, Senior Scout, Traffic Committee, Junior-Senior Committee, Blackbird Clown.

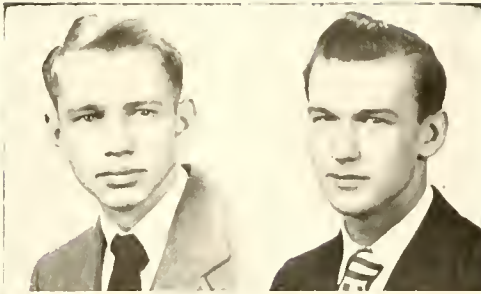
**CHARLES GRYB**—"Bear" Carefree, talkative; at home in any gathering. Hi-Y, Shop Club, Band, Debating Club, World Federalist.

**TOMMY GUPTON**—"TG" Quiet conscientious, capable; a boy with many friends. Vice-President Freshman Class, President of Sophomore Class, Homeroom President, Football, National Honor Society.

**MARY LENA HALL**—Short lively blonde—fond of athletics. Junior Red Cross, Vice-President, GAA, Tri-Hi-Y, Debating Club, Homeroom Representative.

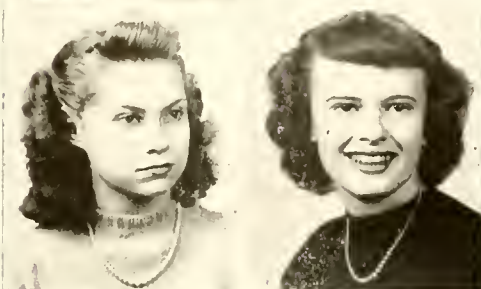


## Stars of '49



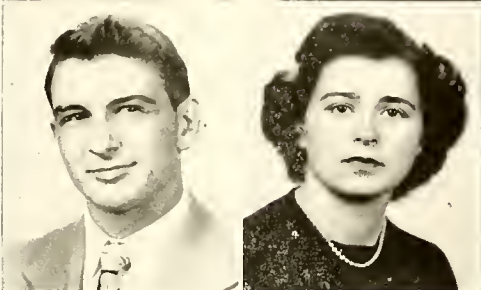
**BLAKE HARDISON**—"Hardy" Can always find something for a laugh; friendly all round fellow. Football, Tennis, Traffic Committee, Hi-Y, Band.

**WILSON HARRIS**—The strong, silent type-enjoys music, Choir Music Festival in Greenville, All State Band, B-Squad Football, National Choir, Band and Orchestral Honor Society, High School Orchestra, Shop Club.



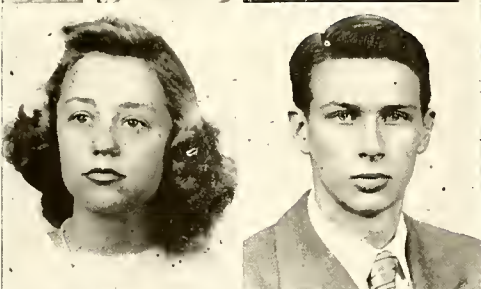
**BETTY HAWKINS**—Another strong minded girl-with an eye to the future. Homeroom Offices, Junior Tri-Hi-Y, G. A. A., Dramatics Club, Photography Club, Choir, Speech Choir, Junior-Senior Committee, Junior Music Club, Delegate to Choir Clinic in Greenville, Contest Play.

**PAT HAYES**—Serious-minded in school work and in outer life. Dramatics Club, Homeroom Offices, G. A. A., Treasurer Junior Red Cross, Tri-Hi-Y, Junior-Senior Decorations Committee, Student World Federalists, Speech Choir, National Honor Society.



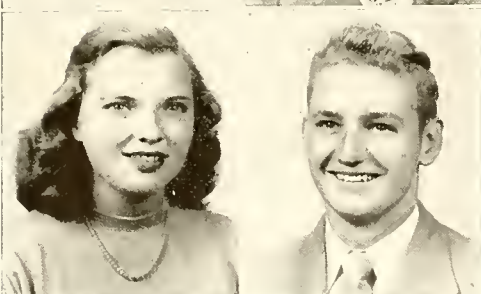
**RALPH HAYES**—"De Rogatis"—Duke's No. 1 supporter; Ralph is the type that worries about everything and everybody. Homeroom Offices, Homeroom Representative, Junior-Senior Decorations Committee, Debating Club, B-Squad Football.

**JOYCE MEADE HEDGEPEETH**—Friendly and solemn—looks on life with satisfaction. Tri-Hi-Y, G. A. A., Dramatics Club, Music Club, FHA, Homeroom Offices, Junior Red Cross Council, Speech Choir, Distributive Education, Secretary of Red Cross Council.



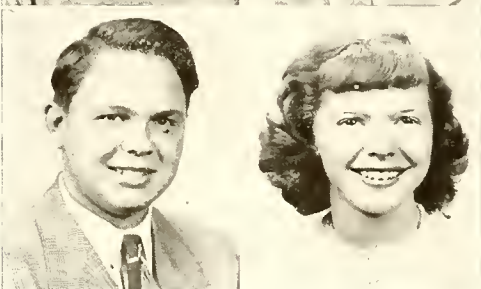
**POLLY HEDGEPEETH**—Talkative and friendly—loves people and dancing. Class Offices.

**JOHN DANIEL HINTON**—Takes his "scooter" more seriously than school.



**NANCY McRAE HOBBS**—Piano virtuoso, an excellent student and campus leader. Delegate to State National Honor Society Conference, President of National Honor Society, President of Senior Tri-Hi-Y, Good Sports Club, Junior Music Club, Assistant Chief Marshal, Pianist for Choir, Business Manager of Blackbird, Advertising Manager of Hi-Noc-Ar, Vice-President of Senior Class, Home Room Representative, Senior Superlative, Junior-Senior Program Committee.

**JIMMY HOLLIDAY**—"Pinetops"—congenial and contented enjoys whatever he does. Home Room Offices, Treasurer of Junior Class, Chairman of Magazine Campaign for Junior Class, Shop Club, Band, Baseball, Red Cross Chairman, Delegate to Boy's Statc, Boy Scout.



**ROBERT LEE HUX**—Big and silent-another musically inclined student. Band and National Music Honor Society, Band Librarian, High School Orchestra, Band Sergeant.

**EDNA MAE JACKSON**—Very quiet and agreeable.



## Stars of '49

**HENRY LEE JOHNSON**—"Lover Boy"—likes his share of enjoyment, usually in a quiet way. Hi-Y, Homeroom Representative, Homeroom Offices, Choir, Dramatics.

**RANDOLPH JOYNER**—Another capable fellow—says little, does his share. President of English Class, Baseball, Shop Club.

**BRYANT KENNEDY**—Sparkling brown eyes, vivacious, Music lover. Homeroom Offices, Boy Scout.

**JEAN KERMON**—"Goon"—a continuous flow of wit, Dramatics talent plus. Dramatics Club, Homeroom Offices, Home Room Representative, Tennis Team, Service Club, Secretary of Black Masquers, Contest Play, Speech Choir, Choir, Senior Superlative, Music National Honor Society, Delegate to Choir Clinic in Greenville, Photography Club, G. A. A.

**GEORGE LAMBERT**—"Bubbles"—easy going, so takes life in his stride. Secretary of Homeroom, "B" Squad Basketball, Hi-Y, Senior Scout, Student Government Representative, Traffic Committee.

**SHERROD LANDEN**—"Big Scoop"—Found in every gathering of twelve or more. Chorus, Wood Shop Club, Photography Club, Stage Crew, Homeroom Representative.

**HUGH LAUGHRIDGE**—"Ballerina"—Thrives on Athletics, likes a good time. Football, Baseball, Basketball.

**JOHN WINSTEAD LEE**—"Teddy"—With an eye for the lighter side of life. Band, Homeroom Representative, Hi-Y, Junior Music Club, Homeroom Offices.

**MIRIAM LEWIS**—Quiet-conciencious, does her work and does it well.

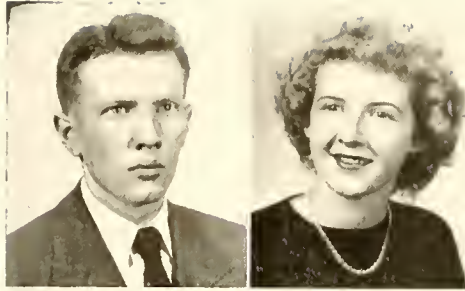
**RONNIE LEWIS**—A light heart and a light voice—with a love for the trumpet. Band, National Music Honor Society, Band Sergeant, Band Librarian, Junior Music Club, High School Vocal Clinic, Choir, Speech Choir, High School Band.

**DONALD LINDSAY**—Scholar, Electrician—Reliable Student, ready to voice his opinion on most any matter. National Honor Society, Chairman of the Junior Red Cross, Runner-Up in the Junior Magazine Sales.

**ADDIE MAGEE**—An extremely conscientious girl—does her very best on any task assigned. G. A. A., Dramatics Club, FHA, Junior Tri-Hi-Y, Choir, Red Cross Representative, Assistant to the Dean.



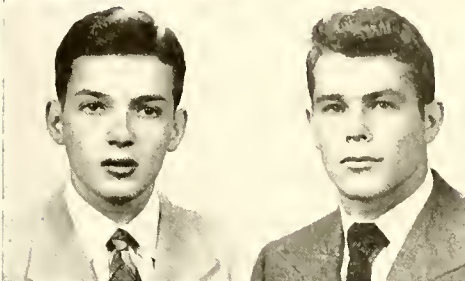
## Stars of '49



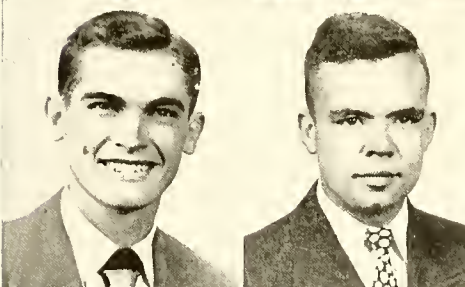
**CLYDE MARCH**—A hard worker—never neglects a responsibility, seldom relaxes. Public Speaking Club, Vice-President of Home Room, Vice-President of Senior Boy's Hi-Y, Home Room Representative, Senior Boy Scout, Lion's Boy of the Week.



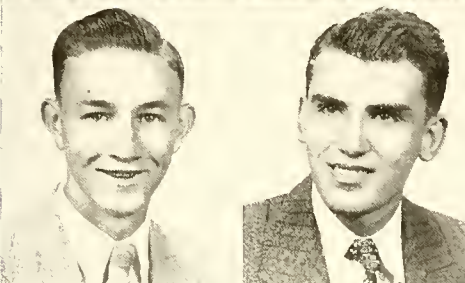
**PEGGY MATTHEWS**—Tall blond and good lookin', always wears a smile. Home Room Officers, GAA, Dramatics Club, FHA, Band.



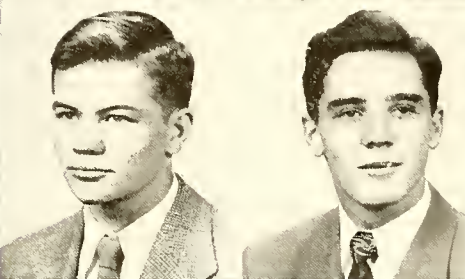
**PAUL MAUS**—A serious eye for subject matter, a lighter view on life. Hi-Y, B Squad Basketball, Varsity Basketball, President of Service Club, Vice-President National Honor Society, Secretary of Junior Class, Treasurer of Sophomore Class, Home Room Officers, Home Room Representative, Boy's State, Eagle Scout.



**ELIZA MAXWELL**—Easy going and happy, yet reliable—"Liza" adds much to school life. Home Room Representative, Band, Speech Choir, All-State Band, Black Masquers, Photography Club, National Band, Orchestra and Choral Honor Society, Tri-Hi-Y, Stage Crew, Social Committee.



**ROBERT MAYO**—Conscientious and quiet, "Mousey" is the very shadow of dependability. National Honor Society, Service Club, World Federalist, Secretary of Hi-Y, Chairman of Junior Red Cross Council, Home Room Representative, Kiwanis Boy of the Month.



**HOWARD McADAMS**—Calm, Contented, and easy going—makes the best of everything. Home Room Officers, Treasurer of Freshman Class, President of Sophomore Class, Hi-Y, Chairman of Traffic Committee, Varsity Football, Varsity Basketball.

**JOHN GILBERT McCULLEN, Jr.**—"Cat" an "extra year" Senior—like crowds, girls. Basketball, Baseball, Speech Choir, Dramatics.

**TOM McMILLAN**—"Rollo"—facing life with a mature and open mind—a leader among men. Home Room Representative, Debating, Chorus, Band, Hi-Y, Representative to State Student Council Congress, Senior Scout.

**BILLY MEHLE**—Tall, ham-handed, a silent leader in RMHS athletics. Basketball, Baseball, Football.

**DONALD MELVIN**—A combination of courtesy and dramatics talent. Three Year Graduate, Dramatics, Band, Little Theatre Players, World Federalists.

**JIMMY MOORE**—Tall, unassuming—quietly taking a place in the background. Football, Traffic Committee, Boy Scout.

**WILLIAM J. MORGAN**—Unemotional, with a nonchalant air, takes life for whatever it is. Football, Hi-Y, Traffic Committee, Home Room Representative.



## Stars of '49

BETSY MURRAY—A fair exchange-school books for marriage.

CALLIE NEAL—Quiet, intelligent, cooperative. G. A. A., Home Economics Club, Tri-Hi-Y, Dean's Assistant.

MARTHA LOUISE NEAL—Quiet, competent and thoughtful.

JOE NELSON—Versatile-clever-definitely "one of the best". Vice-President of Student Body, President of Junior Class, Vice-President of Sophomore Class, Hi-Noc-Ar Staff, Sports Editor of Blackbird, Delegate to C. S. P. A. Convention, Baseball Manager, Home Room Offices, Secretary of Hi-Y, Student Government Representative, Speech Choir, Lion's Boy of the Week, Kiwanis Boy of the Month, Contest Play, Editor of "The Tragedy", Master of Ceremonies for Junior-Senior.

CHARLES CLARENCE ODOM—A courteous, quiet fellow-tries to do everything well. Shop Club, D. E. Club.

BILLIE JEAN OWEN—Carefree, talkative blond, gets the most out of life. Business Manager of Blackbird, Hi-Noc-Ar Staff, Vice-President of Hi-Y, Junior Senior Committee Chairman, Home Room Representative, Dramatics Club, Tennis Club, Choir, Speech Choir, Runner up to Campus Sweetheart, Home Room Offices.

EVELYN PARKER—Happy, friendly girl, a head full of wit. Secretary of English Class, Choir, Secretary of Home Economics Class, Home Room Representative.

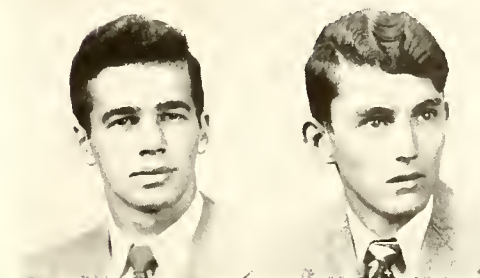
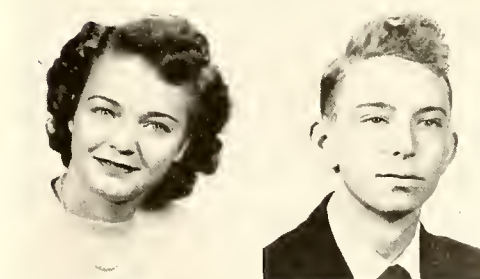
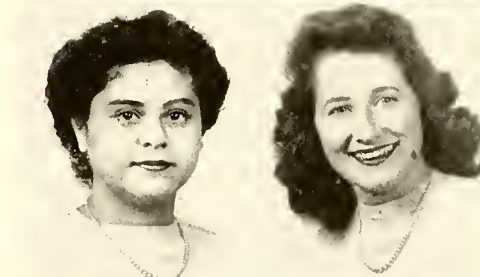
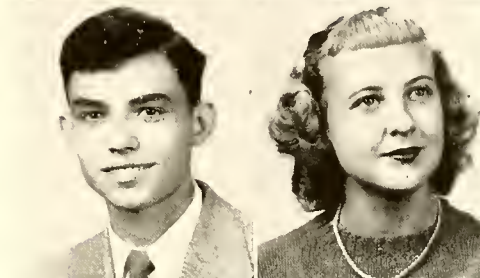
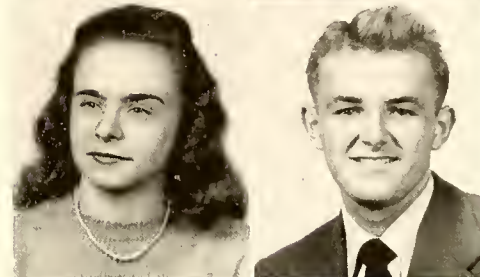
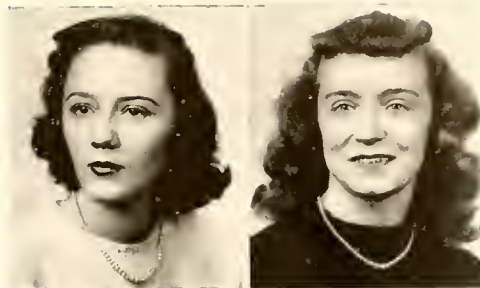
NANCY PATTERSON—Tall, dark beauty, likes to laugh and live. Girl's Chorus, Choir, Band, FHA, G. A. A.

IVA RAMONA PAYNE—That peculiar seashore brogue, rather quiet, but well liked. Sponsor for Football Game. Class Offices, Choir.

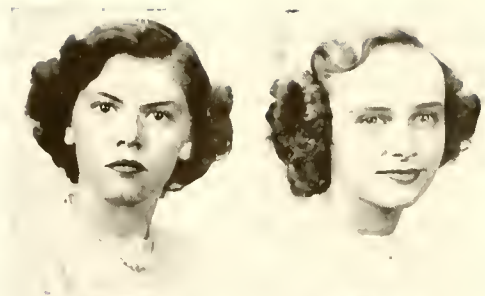
HUGH PEARSON—Capable of high things, serious-minded, a prospective doctor. Hi-Noc-Ar, Business manager, Home Room Representative, All State Band, Lion's Boy of the Month.

BOBBY PENNINGTON—Tall, dark and shy, loves football. Junior Varsity Football, Varsity Football, Home Room Secretary.

ROBERT PENNINGTON—(Teeny) Witty and carefree, enjoys life. Boys Chorus, "B" Squad Football, Varsity Football, President of Home Room.



## Stars of '49



**ANN ELIZABETH PHILLIPS**—Sweet and friendly, a mature view of life. Dramatics Club, Home Room Representative to Student Government, Junior Music Club, Choir, F.H.A., G.A.A., Assistant to Dean, Secretary of Home Room.



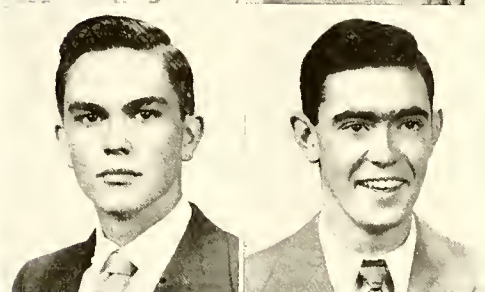
**NELL PHILLIPS**—Gifted Pianist, excellent student. National Honor Society, Junior Music Club, Service Club, Good Sports, Junior Red Cross, Girl's State, Home Room Offices, Dramatics Club, Tri-Hi-Y, Speech Choir, Junior Senior Committee, Marshal, President of National Honor Society.

**GLORIA PLUMMER**—A Yankee import, good-natured and happy, willing to do her part and more. Home Room Offices, Student Government Representative, Nominating Committee for Junior Offices, Junior Senior Committee, Choir, Good Sports Club, Alternate to Girl's State, Sponsor, Choir Clinic Delegate, National Honor Society.



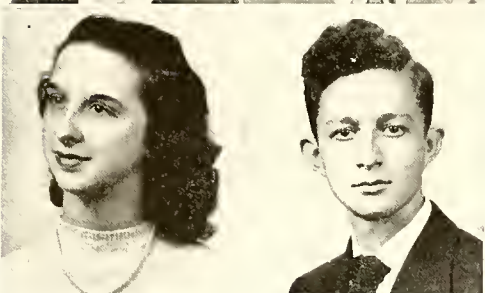
**JAMES PRICE**—Jitterbug—a carefree individual, cordial and friendly to everyone, D. O. Club, Dramatics.

**GENEVIEVE PRIVETTE**—Doesn't say much, but means what she says, dry wit, a fine friend. Tri-Hi-Y, "Blackbird" Staff, Good Sports Club, Black Masquers, Chorus, Junior Senior Committee, Speech Choir.



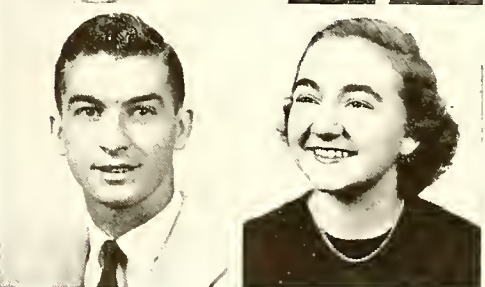
**INEZ PRIVETTE**—Loves shorthand, cooperates, and friendly. F. H. A., Choir.

**LEON PURVIS**—Quiet, smiling, congenial, enjoys life. Choir, Home Room Offices, Representative to Student Council, President of Science Class.



**BILL RECTOR**—Our leader of leaders, and all-round boy, capable of most anything he undertakes, Home Room Offices, Hi-Y President, Service Club, Vice-President of Junior Class, President of Student Body, National Honor Society, President of North Carolina State National Honor Society, Kiwanis Boy of the Month, Lion's Boy of the Week, Delegate to N. C. Student Council Congress, Boy's State, Junior Senior Committee, Senior Superlatives.

**SARA REYNOLDS**—A quiet, cooperative girl always ready to help. Transfer from Elizabeth City High School. Choir, Home Room Offices.



**T. E. RICKS**—Astute leader of World Federalist, a good student. Co-chairman of Invitation Committee for Freshman Frolics, Hi-Y, President of Student World Federalists, Service Club, Vice-President of National Honor Society, Home Room Offices, Choir, Debating Club, Lion's Boy of the Week.

**JACK RIVENBARK**—The outstanding voice of RMHS, always ready to work. Choir, National Music Honor Society, Home Room Representative, Choir Clinic Delegate to E.C.T.C., Home Room Offices.

**BETTY ANN ROBBINS**—Quiet columnist, a valuable addition to the school activities. Treasurer of Good Sports Club, Secretary of Tri-Hi-Y, Circulation Manager of Blackbird, Exchange Editor of Blackbird, Winner of TB essay contest, Publicity Chairman, Co-Chairman of Future Teachers of America.



## Stars of '49

MARY MAGDALENE ROGERS—*Very quiet and unassuming, keeps her thoughts to herself. Junior Red Cross.*

ALBERT ROSE—*Dramatic talent, beautiful voice, cooperative. Choir, Speech Choir, Dramatics, Contest Play.*

DAVID ROSE—*Those big blue eyes! Takes everything to heart, especially girls. Senior Scout, Boys' Hi-Y, Shop Club, Home Room Representative.*

HAROLD ROLAND—*A strong affection for motorized vehicles.*

EDWARD SKIPPER—*"Skip", A big carefree fellow, seldom worries. Home Room Offices, Band, Boys' Chorus, Shop Club.*

HOLT SNELL—*Kind, polite, truly gifted in the field of art. Tri-Hi-Y, Girls' Chorus, Junior Senior Committee, Home Room Representative.*

JAMES STARLING—*"Peanut", very strong in his beliefs, friendly to everyone, is often misunderstood. D. E. Club.*

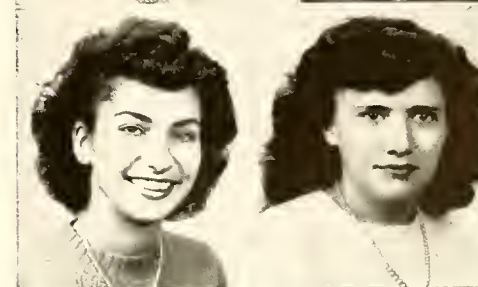
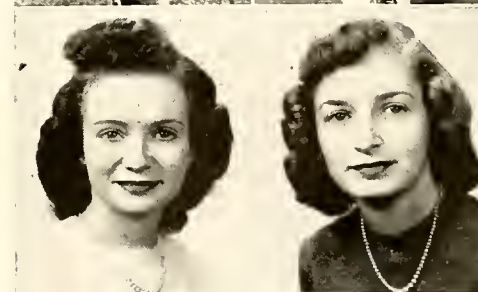
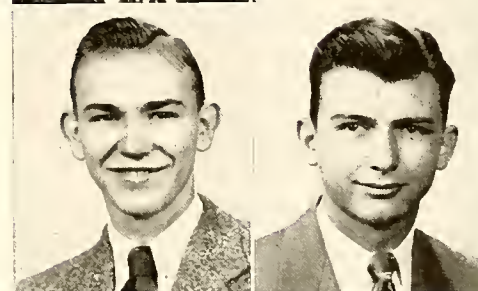
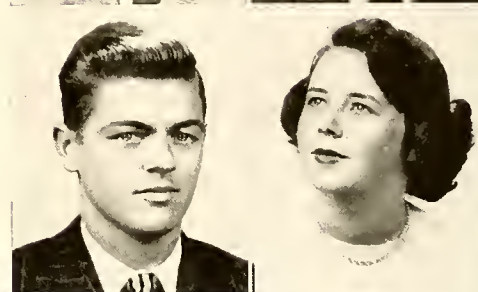
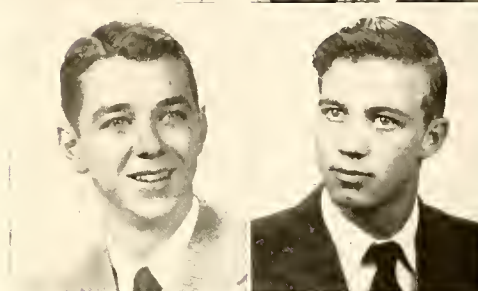
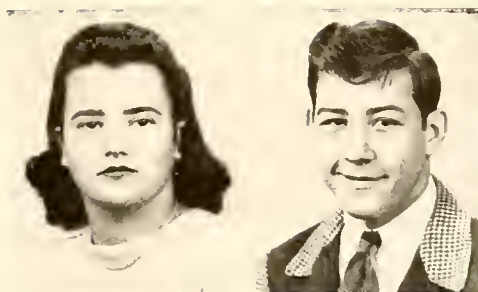
LEONARD STARLING—*A variety of musical talents, voice, piano, sax-another willing worker. Junior Music Club, All State Band, Delegate to Choir Clinic At E. C. T.C., Band, Choir, Metal Shop Club, Photography Club, Service Club, President National Orchestral and Choral Honor Society.*

RUBIE MAE STARLING—*"Bonnie", courteous, a person that knows no enemies. Treasurer of F.H.A., Delegate to State F.H.A. Convention, Choir, Junior Music Club, Dramatics.*

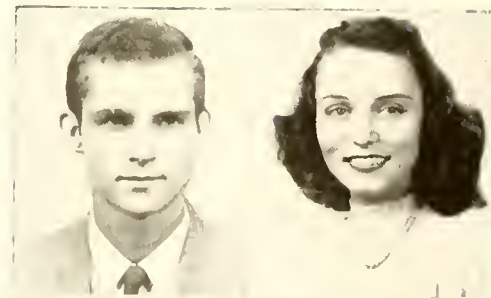
POLLY STEPHENS—*A quiet beauty, always willing and able to do for others. Home Room Representative, Home Room Offices, Dramatics Club, Secretary of Good Sports Club.*

JOYCE STEPHENSON—*A willing worker, always on hand to help. G.A.A., F.H.A., Girls' Chorus, F.H.A. Camp, Dramatics.*

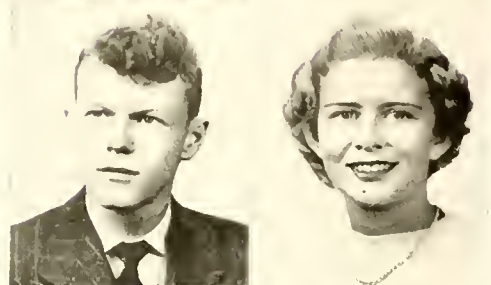
VIRGINIA STEPHENSON—*A new comer who has fitted in well. Transferred from Pineland Junior College, Distributive Education, D. E. Club.*



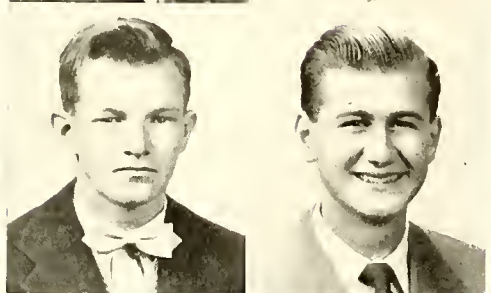
## Stars of '49



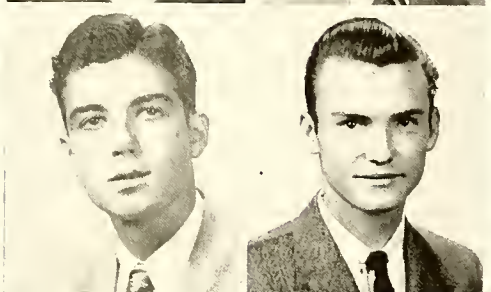
**BILLY STRICKLAND**—Sometimes rowdy, but always a congenial fellow that enjoys life.



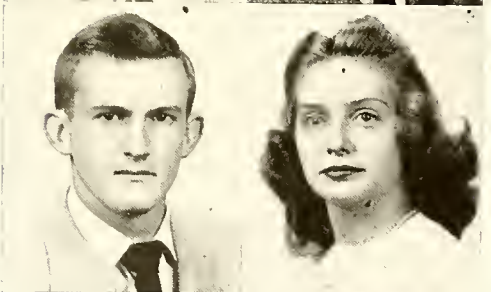
**HELEN TANNER**—Lighthearted and friendly—looks to the brighter side of life. G.A.A., Dramatics Club, Vice-President of Civic Class, Chorus.



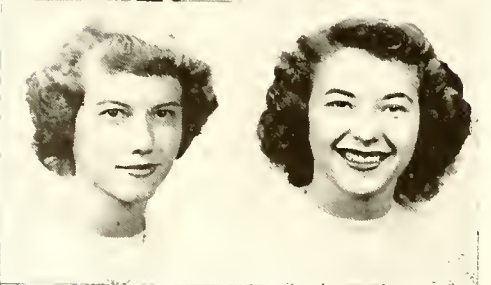
**BOB THOMAS**—Congenial and happy—willing to work when called upon. Band, Social Committee, Basketball Manager, All State Band.



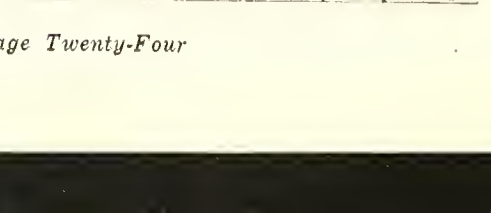
**JANE THOMAS**—Capable, dependable, efficient, with a mature view of life and the world. Debating Club, Tri-Hi-Y, CSPA Delegate to New York, Alternate to Girl State, Home Room Representative, Feature editor of Blackbird, Editor of Hi-Noc-Ar, Circulation Manager of Hi-Noc-Ar, President of Good Sports Club, Honor Society, Speech Choir, May Court 1948, Junior Senior Committee, Senior Superlative, Contest Play, Marshal.



**JACK THOMAS**—A lover of athletics, seldom has a worry. Shop Club, B Squad Football, Varsity Football, Baseball, Home Room Offices.



**ROY HOLMES THOMPSON, Jr.**—Always has a smile, gets a lot out of life. Boy's Chorus, Choir.



**HARRY LEE THARRINGTON**—Extremely quiet and moody, a great attraction to motorcycles.



**CLARENCE WALKER**—Quiet and polite, hard worker. Student Government Representative, Vice-President of D. E. Club.



**MOODY HANES WARD**—No obstacle can keep him from a laugh, popular, happy, friendly. Football, Varsity, Home Room Offices.



**DELLA GRAY WARREN**—Sweet and friendly, well liked by everyone. Treasurer of Home Room, Choir, Tri-Hi-Y, Dramatics Club, F.H.A., Dramatics.



**SALLY WEAVER**—Loves people, dancing, gets the most out of life, be-bop queen. Speech Choir, Secretary of Junior Red Cross Council, Tri-Hi-Y, Service Club, Band, Home Room Representative.



**DORIS WEBBER**—Cute and funny, always eating in class. Dramatics Club, Junior Tri-Hi-Y.



## Stars of '49

**IRENE WESTER**—Smiling, happy, is friendly to everyone. Girls Chorus Dramatics Club, F.H.A., G.A.A., Red Cross.

**DURYNA WIGGINS**—Friendly and helpful, always has a smile. Junior Tri-Hi-Y, G.A.A., Dramatics Club, Music Club, Majorette, Red Cross, Secretary of F.H.A.

**BILLY WILLIAMS**—Says very little, but does his part efficiently. Wood Shop, Fire Drill Committee, Collector of 5th Period Absentee Cards.

**DORIL WILLIAMS**—Speaks up for what she thinks is right, sincere, jovial, well liked. Home Room Offices, Red Cross Representative, G.A.A., Dramatics Club, Tri-Hi-Y, Home Room Representative, Junior Senior Committee.

**JOHN WINDHAM**—Does any assigned task well, likes a good time. Boy Scout, Shop Club, Blackbird Staff.

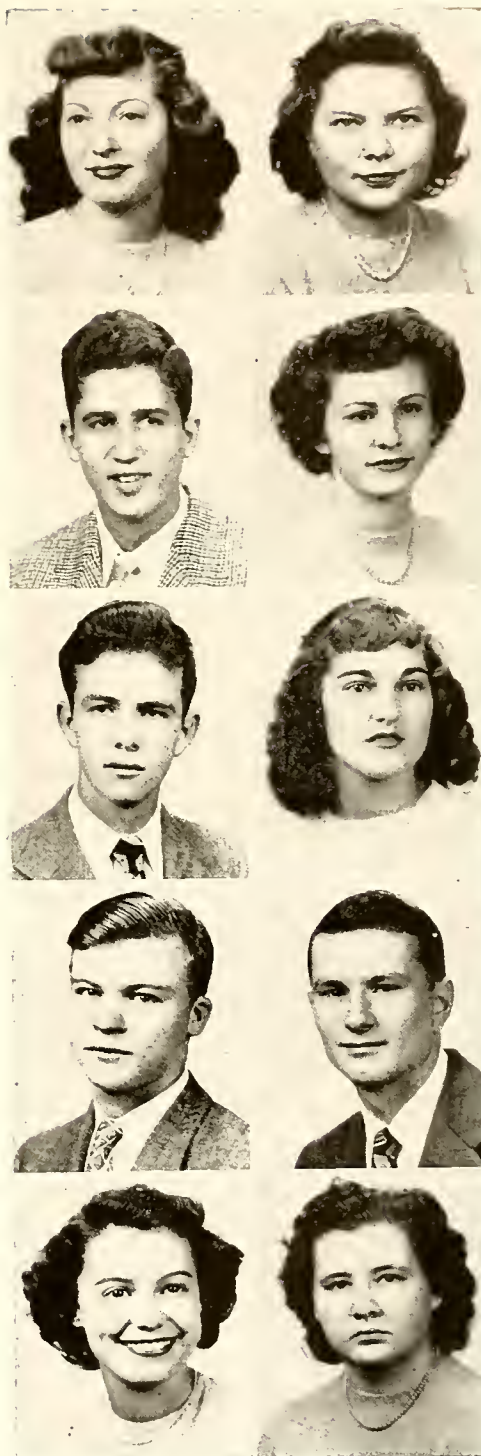
**MYRIAM WINSTEAD**—Another quiet girl who does good work, tall. Band, Photography Club, Dramatics Club, G.A.A., Tri-Hi-Y.

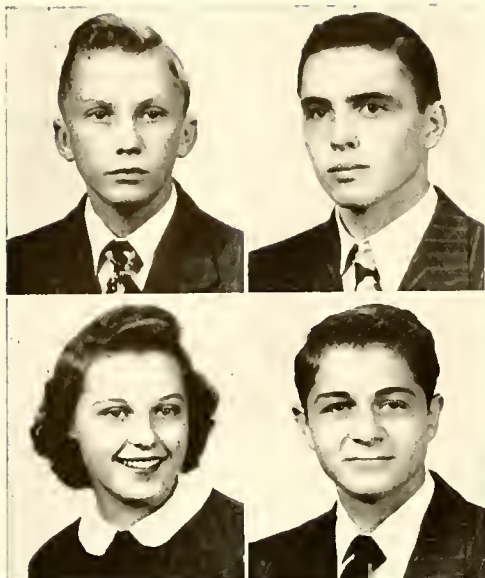
**WAVERLY ROSS WOOD**—Lively, restless, and happy, thrives on work and loves to talk. Home Room Representative, House and Grounds Committee, World Federalist, Hobby Club, Christmas Play, Sound Director, Chairman of Properties for Dramatics.

**LEON YELVERTON**—The school's chief morale booster, claims he's always "coming in clear". Dramatics Club, Junior Magazine Chairman, Home Room Offices, Senior Superlative, Black Masquers.

**NANCY LEE YELVERTON**—A good example of versatility, combines beauty and brains with personality. Home Room Offices, Home Room Representative, Advertising Manager of Blackbird, C.S.P.A. Convention, Circulation Manager of Hi-Noc-Ar, Good Sports Club, Tri-Hi-Y, Junior Senior Queen of '48, Secretary of Senior Class, Campus Sweetheart, National Honor Society, Marshal, Senior Superlative.

**NELLIE MARIE YOUNG**—Sweet and quiet always wearing a smile. Class Offices.





#### *1st SEMESTER*

HERBERT THORP, *President*  
 CHARLES UMSTEAD, *Vice-President*  
 PEGGY EDMONDSON, *Secretary*  
 JOE BENNETT, *Treasurer*

#### ORIGINAL CAST

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

At the beginning of school last fall, this staff of officers undertook one of the two main projects of the junior class, that of raising money for class activities. These officers worked diligently in their efforts to raise the money. Through the co-operation of Curtiss Publishing Company, the members of the junior class sold magazines and netted a substantial sum. They also sold season tickets for the Athletic Association.

## *Junior Class Officers*

#### REPLACEMENTS

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The spring term of school brought in another competent slate of officers. The problem confronting this group was the task of planning the best Junior-Senior Prom ever. This being the main social event of the school year, they worked long and hard in planning and executing the idea for the dance. The theme of the event was an oriental one. A beautifully decorated gym, featuring lanterns, a huge Buddah and ceremonial kites, a program highlighted with oriental numbers, and delicious refreshments made this Junior-Senior one of the best and one that will long be remembered.



#### *2nd SEMESTER*

BOBBY GORHAM, *President*  
 ELAINE HARDY, *Vice-President*  
 PEGGY GRIFFIN, *Secretary*  
 POLLY HEDGEPEETH, *Treasurer*



## Featured Players

BILL ADAMS, Jr.  
HERMAN ALLEN  
JAMES HAROLD ANDERSON  
BILL ANDREWS

BILL BARNES  
MYRTLE JOYCE BARNHILL  
GEORGE BATCHELOR  
ELMO BATTLE, Jr.

WILLIAM THOMAS BEACHAM  
ROBERT BECKNELL  
JESSE WILLIAM BELL  
BARBARA JEAN BEST

JOE BENNETT  
HARRY KENNETH BLOCKER  
MARY FRANCES BLOUNT  
RALPH BOBBITT

JOHN WILKES BOOTH  
BILL BOYETTE, Jr.  
WINNIE LOU BRADLEY  
YORK BRANNOCK, Jr.

BILLY BROOKS  
NANCY BROWN  
ROBERT BROWNING  
WILLIAM JAMES CARR

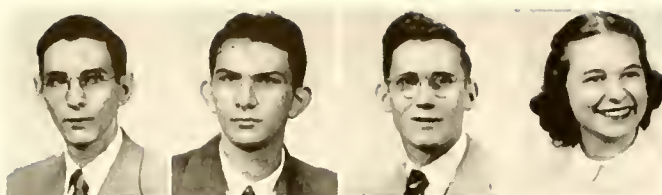
MARSHALL CAMPBELL  
DONNA JEAN CAPPS  
ARNOLD CHARLES  
DORIS CHRISTOPHER

DREW CLACK  
DONALD COOPER  
NANNIE MAE COOPER  
RUSSELL COWELL

JANET COX  
TOMMIE CROCKER  
ELIARD GRAY CROOM  
ARMERELIOUS CULPEPPER



*Elmo Battle  
Crocker*

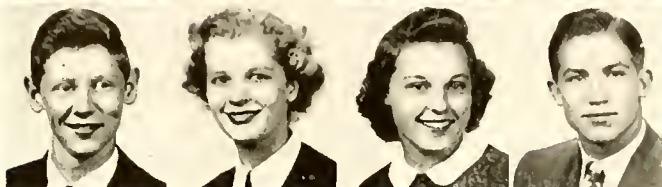


## Featured Players

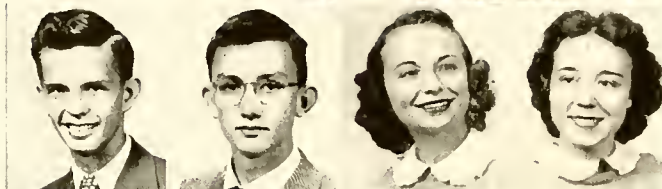
FRANCIS DAIL  
DOUGLAS DANIEL  
CHARLES DANIEL  
PEGGY MARIE DAUGHTRIDGE



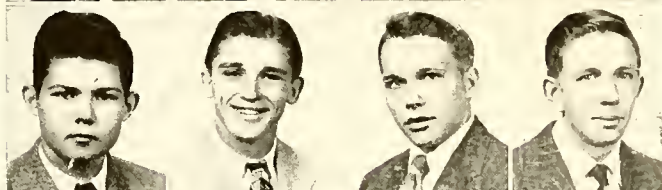
MELBOURNE DAVIS  
PEGGY ANN DENTON  
SYLVIA DIEHL  
LELAND DOWNING



WALTER JACKSON EARLY  
LOUISE EASTERLING  
PEGGY EDMONDSON  
CHARLES RAY ELLIS



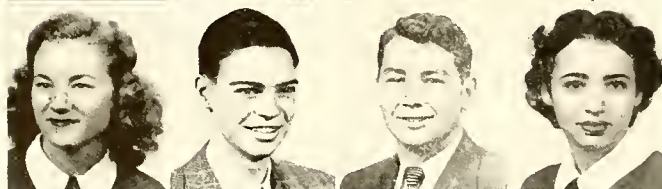
ALTON GRAY ELMORE  
EDWARD ENGLISH  
FRANCES ENGLISH  
DOROTHY EVANS



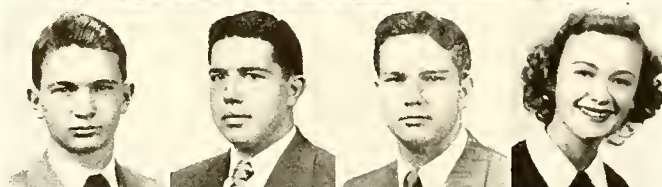
JOHN DAVID EVERETTE  
JAMES EZZELL  
J. D. EZZELL  
ROBERT FAITHFUL



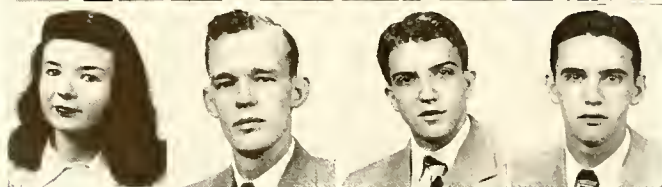
BARBARA DELORES FLOYD  
MARGARET JOYCE FRAZIER  
BARBARA ANN FULLER  
GLORIA FUTCH



INEZ GARDNER  
JAMES ROBERT GARDNER  
MACK GAY  
ARLEEN GELIENE



BILL GERARD  
GEORGE GOODWYN  
BOBBY GORHAM  
PEGGY REID GRIFFIN



GAVEON HAGGARD  
WILTON HORACE HALL  
JAMES HAMILTON  
ROBERT HAMILTON



## Featured Players

RUTH ELAINE HARDY  
PEGGY HEDGEPEETH  
BRUCE HENRY  
JO ANN HOLT

EUNICE LORRAINE HUX  
MARY AGNES JACKSON  
PAT JAMES  
REBECCA JERNIGAN

EMILY RUTH JOHNSON  
NORMAN JOHNSON  
TOMMYE JOHNSON  
DUNCAN JONES

E. H. JONES  
BOB JOYNER  
WILLIAM M. JOYNER, Jr.  
MATTHEW KEMP

AUBREY KENNEY  
ELIZABETH ANNE KING  
MILDRED DALON LANIER  
CLYDE LEE

MELVIN LEGGETT  
PHYLLIS LEGGETT  
CARROL LIFESAY  
KENNETH LITTLE

JOE LORE  
GENE LYON  
EDITH ANN MANGUM  
ELEANOR LOIS MANGUM

PALMER MAPLES, Jr.  
MARY MARLOW  
PEGGY ANN MARTIN  
AGNES MOSS

ANN MAULDIN  
JAMES LLOYD McLEMORE, Jr.  
JAMES MOORE  
JOHN BARRY MURPHY





## *Featured Players*

DONALD NETHERY  
ANN NEWTON  
RONALD NORVILLE  
BILL OAKLEY

FRANCES ORR  
DENO PANTELAKOS  
LOUIE LEE PATSEAVOURAS  
HARRY PEARSALL

LILLIAN PHILLIPS  
THOMAS EVERETTE PIERCE  
PHIL PITT  
PEGGY POLSON

DORIS PROCTOR  
JIMMY L. PROCTOR  
MINNIE QUICK  
B. D. RABIL

RICHARD RAY  
GEORGIA MAE RAYNOR  
BILLY REESE  
GRAVELY REID

BARBARA ANN RICE  
JEANNETTE ROBARDS  
MARTHA CHRISTINE ROBBINS  
CLARK ROGERS

JOYCE DELORES ROGERS  
ALBERT B. ROSE  
BROADUS STONE ROSE  
DOROTHY RUSS

RAYMOND SANDERS  
JOSEPH ERNEST SEXTON  
WILLIAM MONROE SEXTON  
KENNETH SMITH

MARY ANN SMITH  
BARBARA SOUTHALL  
CAROLYN STANCIL  
JEANNETTE STANCIL



## Featured Players

ELLIS STARLING  
MARGARET STRANGE  
BILL STURGESS  
BETTY JANE SUTTON

PEGGY ELLIS SUTTON  
JAMES SYKES  
BARBARA TAYLOR  
DARYL ELIZABETH TART

COTTY THOMPSON  
HERBERT THORP  
LAWRENCE THORP  
ANN TOLER

MARY ALICE TREVATHAN  
CHARLES IRVIN UMSTEAD, Jr.  
RICHARD WALKER  
LUCILLE WATKINS

RUBY MARIE WATSON  
JEAN WHITLEY  
IMOGENE WICKS  
RUTH WIGGINS

DEE WILKINSON  
CHARLES WILLIAMS  
DOROTHY JEAN WILLIAMS  
JOYCE WILLIAMS

NANCY LEE WILLIAMS  
LOURETHA WOOTEN  
BILLIE JO WORKS  
GERALDINE WORRELL

FRANCES YOUNG





#### *1st SEMESTER*

JOHN PAGE, *President*  
BOBBY CHANDLER, *Vice-President*  
BLANCHE WILKINS, *Secretary*  
ANN PARKER, *Treasurer*  
MR. PRIVOTT, *Advisor*

### *Sophomore Officers (Supporting Players)*

#### REPLACEMENTS

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

After the election of the second semester officers, the class began plans on the highlight of the year, the annual Sophomore Party. The officers of the class met with the advisor and made tentative committee and advisor appointments. At a later meeting of all the committees and advisors plans were made for a St. Patrick's Day Dance. The plans were submitted to each homeroom for a vote of approval or rejection. They were approved and carried through to a successful completion.

#### ORIGINAL CAST

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Following the election of officers of the Sophomore Class in the early fall, plans were made to operate a concession stand at each of the basketball games of the regular season. The first semester president became the general chairman of the Concession Committee. Two other members of the class were appointed to act as assistants to the Chairman. The committee was completed by selecting two students from each of the sophomore homerooms. Upon completion of the organization of the committee, they met and made a schedule of workers for each game.

At the close of the basketball season the class had realized enough profit to meet the current bills, finance the annual Sophomore Party, and have some money left over for next year.



#### *2nd SEMESTER*

DICK GREGORY, *President*  
TOMMY BASS, *Vice-President*  
NANCY BARTHOLOMEW, *Secretary*  
JIMMY CARTER, *Treasurer*  
MR. PRIVOTT, *Advisor*





#### MR. PRIVOTT'S HOME ROOM

FIRST ROW—Catherine Speight, Ann Bulluck, Ann Bailey, Irma Luper, Lillie Parker Dorothy Combs, Lodiski Carmichael, Willa Riley, Carolyn Williams SECOND ROW—Mr. Privott, Billy Bain, Clyde Straughan Donald Parsons, Albert Ford, Ellen Williams, Betty Ann Cross, Frances Joyner, Mildred Frederick, Ann Zimmerman, Betty Jean Grilfin, Claudette Archie. THIRD ROW—Dan Herring, Roy McCoter, Gerald Frye, Norman Watson, John Page, Billy Holding, Joseph Beard, Lester Croom, Jimmy Shine. ABSENT: Charles Cuddington, David Hadlow.



#### MISS VAUSE'S HOME ROOM

FIRST ROW—Mildred Andrews, Alice Joyner, Peggy Morgan, Shirley Anderson, Catherine Collins, Alva Wallace, Velma Taylor, Nancy Griflin, Catherine Dove, Faye Reynolds. SECOND ROW—Miss Vause, Seabury Thorpe, Kenneth Putman, Doris Landlord Joan Eason, "Boots" Daughtridge, Joan Hedgepeth, Dorothy Brock, Bill Dove, Richard Brock. THIRD ROW—Paul Lindsay, Arthur Proctor, Monroe Brinson, Herbert Slater, Fred King, George Harris, Dick Gregory, Ralph Adams, Dewey Butner.





#### MR. LUNDY'S HOME ROOM

FIRST ROW—Betsy Carr, Sarah Joyner, Juanita Pittman, Patsy Abernathy, Lois Starling, Helen Waters, Phyllis Leggett, Addie Early, Blanche Wilkins. SECOND ROW—Billy Gupton, Charles Zudema, Bill Phillips, Grace Dew, Barbara Land, Vivian Mobley, Billy Calhoun, Bo Thorpe, Ed Johnson, Mr. Lundy. THIRD ROW—Frank Livesey, Jimmy Perce, Joel Arnold, Harold Harper, Benny Wrenn, Kent Johnson, Jimmy Carter, Jimmy Thornton, Carroll Wiggs.



#### MRS. BOWDEN'S HOME ROOM

FIRST ROW—LEFT TO RIGHT—Dorothy Walker, Frances Dunn, Jean Mayfield, Jesse Sykes, Marie Tanner, Dottie Mae Williams, Jane Warren, Anne Parker. SECOND ROW—Mr. Durham, Carl Wooten, Norman Bartholomew, Geraldine Starling, Helen Wells, Frances Webb, Elizabeth Walker, Beamon Harris, Jimmy Mzell, Mrs. Bowden. THIRD ROW—Wade Lancaster, Billy Ricks, Billy Hunt, Earl Nelms, Ben Futrell, Vernon Huggins, Kenneth Edwards, and Jimmy Gardner.





#### MRS. YOUNG'S HOME ROOM

FIRST ROW—Carol Wiggins, Mary Elizabeth Baker, Margaretta Flythe, Bruce Carr, Peggy Sutton, Emma Jean Hedgöpth, Janet Dickens, Martha Inscöe, Gerald Raynor. SECOND ROW—Mrs. Young, Bobby Carpenter, Jessie Ried, Martha Johnson, Dianne Farmer, Shirley Pearson, Betsy Lockamy, Edna Mae Jordan, Bill Daughtridge. THIRD ROW—Bobby Grimes, Joe Wheelless, John Sidney Hardesty, Billy Gray, Charles Haislip, Jack Bloodworth, Bobby Davis, Ridley Lifsey.



#### MISS CRAIGHILL'S HOME ROOM

FIRST ROW—LEFT TO RIGHT—Virginia Fipps, Ann Joyner, Joyce Taylor, Julia Spears, Barbara Mobley, Barbara Rowland, Elizabeth Mayo, Margaret Boone, Helen Harrod. SECOND ROW—Miss Craighill, Bob Marriott, Hazel Rawls, Anne Turner, Nancy Bartholomew, Ann Blunt, Barbara Fulgum, Sue Fowlks, Jean Murray, Delores Murray, Tommy Bass. THIRD ROW—Durward Wilkins, Bobby Craft, Pete Winstead, Gray Phillips, Bob Britt, and Jimmy Richardson.



#### FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS

GENE WILLIAMS, *President*  
PEGGY WARD, *Vice-President*

ANN STEVENS, *Secretary*  
JAMES WOMBLE, *Treasurer*

#### UNDERSTUDIES

The three main projects of the freshman class are: the orientation program, the election of officers and the Freshman Frolic. The orientation program is efficiently organized to acquaint the newcomer with all phases of high school life. This program lasts five weeks and includes a thorough study of the handbook, discussion of officers—their qualifications and responsibilities—a tour of the building and introduction to teachers, explanation of the testing program, learning of school songs and yells, an assembly program featuring information gained through this program, and as a grand climax, an entertainment party featuring delicious refreshments.

The class elected its officers at the beginning of second semester and chose as their leaders for the year Gene Williams, Peggy Ward, Ann Stevens, and James Womble.

The year was officially ended with the Freshman Frolic which featured square dancing as well as round dancing and offered the music of the Rocky Mountaineers and the High School Orchestra. Talmadge Pollard called the figures. The high school choir sang several selections, and a tap dance, quartet, and community sing featured the program. Much of the success of the occasion was due to the various committees who worked so faithfully under the leadership of the following chairman: Kay Finch, decoration committee; Julia Harrell, refreshments; Albert Rabil and Carolyn Ellis, program; Betty Ann Talton, invitations; Neil Williams, music; Tommy Avent, clean-up.





#### MISS RIDDLE'S HOME ROOM

FIRST ROW—Julia Roberson, Sue Franks, Nancy Lamm, Becky Griffin, Barbara Dickens, Grace Daniels, Jean Strickland, Edith Carroll, Retha King. SECOND ROW—M. H. Pridgen, Talma Madge Wells, Nell Harris, Charlotte Brown, Barbara Boone, Bonnie Bunn, Johnnie Shelton, Bonnie Spaugh, Elizabeth Bateman, Dorothy Williams, Billy Odom, Bill English, Miss Riddle. THIRD ROW—Bobby Owen, Jack Honeycutt, Buddy Edmondson, Thomas Carter, Donald Blankenship, Bobby Woodruff, Edward Cartee, Gordon McAdams, Billy Littleton, Billy Murray, Jack Davis.



#### MRS. WILLIAMS' HOME ROOM

FIRST ROW—Dorothy Whitley, Margaret Eason, Tamara Holliday, Betty Sumblin, Nancy Ellis, Dorothy Cooper, Barbara Bland, Grace Strange, Emily Baker. SECOND ROW—Mrs. Williams, Velna Motely, Elizabeth Chandler, Norma Pittman, Peggy Whitley, Ann Page, Betty Lou Davis, Martha Ellen Herring. THIRD ROW—Bobby Taylor, Bobby Jackson, Junie Pierce, Tommy Pead, Colin Sholar, Horace Odom, Edgar Bulluck, Billy Powell, Dick Howell, Jerry Daughtridge.





#### MR. CLEETWOOD'S HOME ROOM

FIRST ROW—Irene Mitchell, Geraldine Hall, Peggy Gaither, Mary Ayscue, Lena Pittman, Betty Jo Younginer, Ann Stevens, Virginia Gray, Margaret Bell. SECOND ROW—Donald Smith, Tommy Thomas, Dessie Mae Baxly, Carolyn Ellis, Patsy Moore, Peggy Moore, Anne Dennis, Pansy Byrum, Albert Rabil, Owen Williams. THIRD ROW—George Rose, Wilton Griffin, Larry Joyner, Linwood Roberson, Bernard Taylor, Tommy Strickland, Billy Cooper, Jimmy Lewis, Clarence Taylor, Mr. Cleetwood.



#### MISS WINSLOW'S HOME ROOM

FIRST ROW—Jeannette Robbins, Margaret Lynn Deihl, Marion Harris, Mary Jo Goodwin, Crystal Beacham, Louise Watson, Catherine Magee, Bettie Rogers, Nancy Browning. SECOND ROW—Willard Owens, Lloyd Thrower, Dean Hamill, Lola Mae Jeans, Joyce McNeely, Jean Proctor, Thelma Lancaster, Worthington Hobbs, Rob Ned Brannock, Preston Bradshaw, Floyd Gainous, Paul Sumrell, Miss Winslow. THIRD ROW—George Foreman, Edgar Joyner, Arbie Odom, Ray Howell, Charles Williams, Charles Lundy, Ed Bandy, Harvey English, Billy Overton, DeVon Ellis.





#### MISS PARKER'S HOME ROOM

FIRST ROW—Eleanor Peele, Barbara Jenkins, Ruby Walker, Shirley Robbins, Jean Cooper, Mary Jo McKinney, Janet Mellor, Constance Bcyette, Mary Eva Howell. SECOND ROW—Miss Parker, Tommy Powell, Cavelle Batchelor, Mary Wilson Richardson, Peggy Ward, Jeanette Holmes, Charles Ramsey, Wesley Bone, R. G. Capps. THIRD ROW—Bobby Ray Wilkins, Garland Green, Jackie Harper, George Woolard, Donald Rooker, Robert Searcy, Jimmy Smith.



#### MRS. FARMER'S HOME ROOM

FIRST ROW—Jean Hoell, Jeanette Batts, Susan Pierce, Elsie Bergeon, Norma Barnes, Sylvia Pullen, June Denson, Betty Ann Talton, Jane Allsbrook, Anita Williamson. SECOND ROW—Gene Williams, Tim Hall, Jimmie Armstrong, Mary Franks, Julia Harrell, Mildred Tart, Mary Holt, Thomas King, Mrs. Farmer. THIRD ROW—Fred Tharrington, Jerry Gardner, Jim Hobbs, Lorenzo Moore, Neil Williams, Allen Dickson, John Rogers.



#### MISS BOND'S HOME ROOM

FIRST ROW—Nancy Harrelson, Sarah Williamson, Nellie Joyner, Bernice Perry, Catherine Parker, Charlotte Leonard, Joyce Perry, Annette Jenkins, Shirley Surles. SECOND ROW—Randolph Sellers, Dicky Carmichael, Julia Jordan, Margaret Warren, Marjorie Williams, Kitty Friar, Peggy Dietzel, Kay Finch, Nancy Adams, Jo Anne Hulham, James Williams, Gene Byrum, Miss Bond. THIRD ROW—Clarence Wallace, Royster Wheeler, Tommy Slater, Clay Daughtridge, Tommy Avent, Bennett Lindsey, James Womble, James Johnson, Arthur Davis, Roger Andrews.



BOBBY MINCHER  
Born, August 23, 1933  
Died, January 18, 1949



# 'THE BEST YEAR OF OUR LIVES'

ACT I  
ORGANIZATIONS

ACT II  
PUBLICATIONS

ACT III  
ATHLETICS

TIME  
1948 - 49

SCENE  
ROCKY MOUNT HIGH SCHOOL



— 1949 —



## *Student Organization*

LEFT TO RIGHT—Betty Barnes, Treasurer; Billy Rector, President; Joe Nelson, Vice-President; Peggy Daughtridge, Secretary.

The Student Organization offers every student in the school an opportunity to be represented in the student affairs of the school, and even to have a voice in shaping the policies of the school. It can, therefore, be no stronger and no more effective than the individual student makes it. The Organization works on three levels with each level having its own complete organization.

Level one is the General Organization with its four officers, its ten major or standing committees, and its assembly of representatives from the homerooms.

Level two is the Class Organization. For each of four groups—freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior—there is an organization consisting of four officers, an adviser, and the necessary committees—all from the homerooms comprising the group.

Level three is the Homeroom Organization with its four officers, the homeroom teacher, and the desired committees.

Many of the activities which bring greatest pleasure into the lives of the students and offer the greatest opportunity for the development of poise and personality as well as for the recognition of civic responsibility are sponsored and financed directly by the Student Organization or encouraged indirectly by its leaders.

The Student Organization should be the heart and core of Student Life. Such is its aim in the Rocky Mount High School.





#### STUDENT GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

SEATED—Charles Williams, House and Grounds; Betty Barnes, Finance; Joe Nelson, Assembly; Clara Ellen Francis, Social; STANDING—Russell Cowell, Fire Drill; Louise Easterling, Elections; Jimmy Gilliam, Courtesy; Miss Kate Parks Kitchen, Advisor; Betty Robbins, Publicity; Howard McAdams, Traffic; Peggy Denton, Lost and Found; Donald Lindsey, Red Cross.



#### HOME ROOM REPRESENTATIVES

FIRST ROW—Elizabeth Mayo, Frances Dunn, Martha Johnson, Carol Wiggins, Barbara Land, Betty Ann Cross, Gary Phillips, Jimmy Carter, Bobby Carpenter, Albert Rabil. SECOND ROW—Kay Finch, Julia Harrell, Peggy Sutton, Peggy Hedgepeth, Gloria Futch, Gene Williams, Jonnie Shelton, Christine Robbins, Frances English, Phyllis Leggett. THIRD ROW—Clyde Lee, Clyde March, Ralph Hayes, Robert Mayo, George Lambert, Leon Purvis, Patty Sue James, Minnie Quick, Marian Harris, Virginia Grey. FOURTH ROW—Jimmy Thornton, Billy Calhoun, Ralph Adams, Winnie Lou Bradley, Anne Mauldin, Eleanor Mangum, Jean Mayfield, Emily Johnson, Clarence Odom. FIFTH ROW—Jimmy Armstrong, Billy Cooper, Charles Lundy, Charles Cunningham, Jerry Daughtridge, Donald Rooker, Ellen Williams, Neil Williams, Tommy Avent, Joe Lore. SIXTH ROW—Catherine Parker, Jeanette Holmes, Marzilla Ann Green, Eliza Maxwell, Ann Phillips, Betty Jean Bulluck, Doril Williams, Frances Orr.





#### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

SEATED—Mary Tom Battle, T. E. Ricks, Nell Phillips, Pat Boone. STANDING—Robert Mayo, Miss Wita Bond, Donald Lindsay, Betty Barnes, Nancy Yelverton, Billy Rector, Nancy Hobbs, Olivia Ellen, Clara Ellen Francis, Jane Thomas, Paul Mause.

Character, Leadership, Scholarship, Service



#### BLACK MASQUERS

FIRST ROW—Nancy Bartholomew, Clara Ellen Francis, Jean Kermion, Eliza Maxwell, Pat Boone, Jane Thomas. SECOND ROW—Harry Pearsall, Louise Easterling, J. C. Cook, Genevieve Privette, Grady Edwards, Donald Melvin. THIRD ROW—Mr. C. M. Edson, Robert Bolton, Bryan Carr, Jimmy Gilliam, Raymond Dorset, Bobby Gorham, Joe Brewer.

"All The World's A Stage"





#### SPEECH CHOIR

FIRST ROW—Pat Hayes, Nell Phillips, Joyce Blunt, Helen Tanner, Eliza Maxwell, Genevieve Privette, Sally Weaver, Betty Hawkins, Nancy Bartholomew. SECOND ROW—Bill Batchelor, Vivian Daughtridge, Ann Phillips, Eloise Carmichael, Pat Boone, Joyce Hedgepeth, Jean Kermon, Clara Ellen Francis, Jane Thomas, Billie Jean Owen, Nancy Yelverton, Betty Barnes. THIRD ROW—C. M. Edson, Robert Bolton, Albert Rose, Donald Melvin, Leonard Starling, Roy Lee Fulcher, Jack Griffin, Joe Nelson, Ronny Lewis, Gilbert McCullen, Frank Edge.

“Speak The Speech I Pray You”



#### DEBATING CLUB

FIRST ROW—Geraldine World, Clara Ellen Francis, Phyllis Leggett, Edith Ann Mangum, Mary Jo McKinney. SECOND ROW—Mrs. Farmer, Charles Williams, Tom McMillan, Bobby Gorham, Kay Finch.

To Think Clearly, To Reason Logically





### GOOD SPORTS CLUB

FIRST ROW—Genevieve Privette, Clara Ellen Francis, Jean Da e .port, Nancy Bartholomew, Gloria Plummer. SECOND ROW—Miss Birkhead, Miss Hollowell, Luta Chipley, Lucy Ann Boddie, Nancy Williams, Dee Wilkinson, Tommy Johnson, Barbara Taylor, Nell Phillips, Polly Stevens. THIRD ROW—Nancy Yelverton, Jane Thomas, Mary Tom Battle, Peggy Edmundson, Robin Arrington, Nancy Hobbs, Winnie Lou Bradley, Peggy Griffin, Lillian Phillips, Louise Easterling, Peggy Daughtridge, Elaine Hardy, Olivia Ellen, Betty Robbins.

Character, Leadership, Sportsmanship, Service



### G. A. A.

FIRST ROW—Miss Fuller, Barbara Dickens, Johnnie Shelton, Margaret Moore Eason, Norma Barnes, Eunice Hux, Dorothy Walker. SECOND ROW—Lily Mae Parker, Nell Melvin, Dottie Mae Williams, Bonnie Bunn, Jane Warren, Jean Cooper. THIRD ROW—Grace Daniels, Olivia Ellen, June Denson, Betty Talton, Betty Sumblin. FOURTH ROW—Mildred Tart, Mildred Lanier, Bruce Henry, Mildred Andrews, Margaret Boone. FIFTH ROW—Carolyn Williams, Ruby Walker, Phyllis Jackson, Betty Ann Cross, Julia Harrell. SIXTH ROW—Dorothy Evans, Carolyn Stancil, Jessie Sykes.

To Promote Competition That Stresses Enjoyment of Sports and the  
Development of Sportsmanship and Character.





#### SERVICE CLUB

FIRST ROW—Clara Ellen Francis, Pat Boone. SECOND ROW—Naome Fisher, Nell Phillips, Sally Weaver, Vivian Daughtridge, Tommy Johnson. THIRD ROW—Louise Easterling, Peggy Daughtridge, Jean Kermon, Edith Ann Mangum. FOURTH ROW—Paul Maus, Jimmy Gilliam, Norman Johnson, Russell Cowell, Leonard Starling, Robert Mayo, Jack Griffin, Billy Rector, T. E. Ricks, York Brannock.

To Render Aid and Service Throughout the School and Community  
Wherever it is Needed.



#### JUNIOR MUSIC CLUB

FRONT ROW—Dee Wilkinson, Luta Chipley, Nancy Hobbs, Ann Phillips, Nell Phillips, Peggy Edmondson, Betsy Carr, Emily Baker, Betty Hawkins, Francis Dunn, Edith Ann Mangum, Velma Motley, Sylvia Pullen, Virginia Grey. BACK ROW—Ronnie Lewis, Clyde Straughan, Donald Parsons, Neil Williams, Leonard Starling, Teddy Lee, Edgar Bulluck.

To Reach Young Talent and to Stimulate the Love of Music Through  
Good Fellowship.





#### THE SENIOR TRI-HI-Y

SEATED—Genevieve Privette, Clara Ellen Francis, Nancy Williams, Doril Williams, Della Gray Warren, Luta Chipley, Joyce Blunt, Nancy Hobbs, Robin Arrington, Jean Davenport, Barbara Floyd, Billie Jean Owen, Nancy Yelverton, Barbara Southall. STANDING—Lucy Ann Boddie, Eleanor Mangum, Delores Campbell, Betty Robbins, Olivia Ellen, Nancy Brown, Barbara Rice, Billie Jo Works, Ann Toler, Barbara Taylor, Betty Jean Bulluck, Peggy Daughtridge, Betty Barnes, Mrs. Booth, Miss McLaughlin.

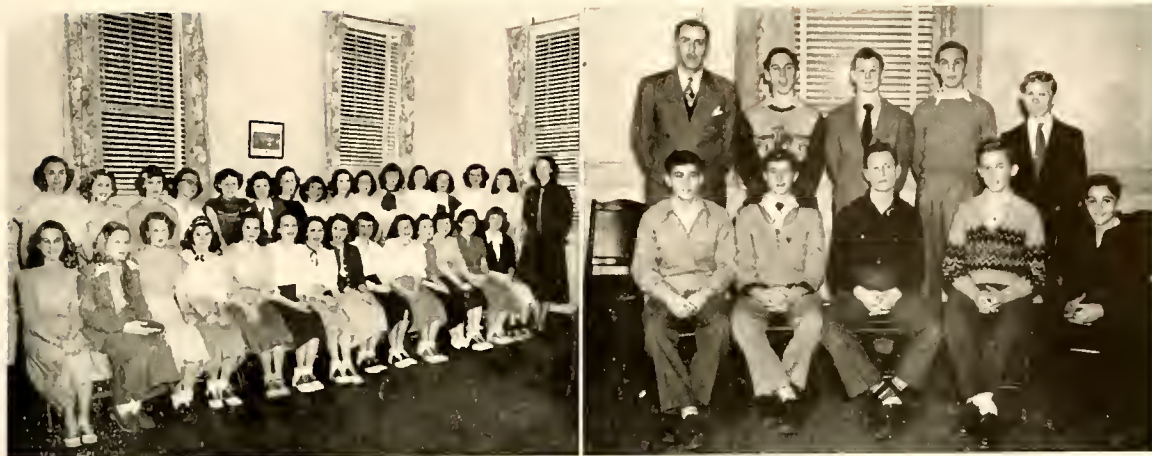
I Believe That the Best and Happiest Life is one Spent not for Self Alone



#### JUNIOR TRI-HI-Y

FIRST ROW—Anna Turner, Jean Eason, Barbara Fulgum, Alice Joyner, Barbara Mobley, Fay Reynolds, Bruce Carr, Francis Dunn, Betty Jean Griffen, Jessie Reid, Barbara Rowland, Helen Harrod, Carol Wiggins, Ann Bulluck, Betty Ann Cross, Barbara Land. SECOND ROW—Miss Fuller, Joanne McKinnon, Ann Zimmerman, Jane Warren, Frances Joyner, Emma Jean Hedgepeth, Addie Early, Nancy Bartholomew, Margaretta Flythe, Alva Wallace, Ellen Williams, Julia Spears, Ann Parker, Ann Blunt, Lib Mayo, Jean Smith, Hazel Rawls, Blanche Wilkins.





### FRESHMAN TRI-HI-Y

FIRST ROW—Carolyn Ellis, Bonnie Bunn, Charlotte Leonard, Patsy Moore, Marlon Harris, Norma Jean Pittman, Thelma Lancaster, Dorothy Whitley, Peggy Diezel, Jonnie Shelton, Margie Williams, Norma Jean Baraes, June Denson, Elizabeth Bateman. SECOND ROW—Miss Bailey, Martha Herring, Velma Motey, Ann Dennis, Jean Cooper, Mary Jo Goodwin, Julia Harrell, Shirley Robbins, Becky Griffen, Elizabeth Channel, Kay Finch, Constance Boyette, Mary Wilson Richardson, Emily Baker, Virginia Gray, Miss Riddle.

### FRESHMEN BOY'S HI-Y

SEATED—Horace Odom, Gene Williams, James Womble, Garland Greene, Albert Rabil. STANDING—Mr. Finch, Bennett Lindsey, Tommy Avent, James Johnson, Bobby Matthews.

I Will Stand Everywhere and Always for True Christian Manhood and Womanhood



### THE BOY'S HI-Y

SEATED—Billy Rector, Deno Pantelokas, Arthur Fountain, Teddy Lee, Louie Lee Patseavouras, Brynie Carr, Lawrence Thorp, Charles Gryb, Herbert Thorp, H. L. Johnson, Dick Burton. STANDING—Henry Burts, Jimmy Gillam, Clyde March, Kenneth Smith, George Lambert, David Rose, Jack Griffin, T. E. Ricks, Paul Maus, Tom McMillan, Robert Mayo, Norman Johnson, Frank Edge, Roy Lee Fulcher, Don Bulluck.

## *Band*



### BAND MEMBERS

Vivian Mobley, Nancy Griffin, Doris Proctor, L. B. Starling, Neil Williams, Charles Umstead, Deno Pantelokas, Sheila Robbins, Mildred Tart, Bobbit Clay, Ann Dennis, Nancy Parry, Peggy Sutton, Pattie Sue James, Liza Maxwell, Dick Hart, Bill English, Bill Andrews, Donald Parsons, Clyde Straugn, Ronnie Lewis, Pete Gorham, Richard Brock, Rob Brannock, Thomas Pierce, Norman Bartholomew, Donald Melvin, Russell Cowell, Betty Talton, Hugh Pearson, Susan Pierce, Sonny Thompson, Carol Wiggs, Jimmy Proctor, Frank Edge, Walter Early, Tom McMillan, Louie Lee Patseavouras, Bobby Joyner, Bo Thorpe, Bob Thomas, Wilson Harris, Albert Rose, George Goodwin, Jimmy Lewis, Roy Lee Fulcher, Edgar Bulluck, Ed Skipper, Bobby Hux, John Rogers, Peggy Matthews, Rebecca Journigan, Nancy Patterson, Mr. Parry.

The "esprit de corps" of the band plays an important part in the indomitable Rocky Mount High spirit. There is something about the snap and precision of those black and gold clad ranks and the flash of the drum-majorette's baton that seems to fan the spark of school spirit in every student whether they appear on the football field or the assembly stage.

In addition to its inspirational talents, the band is also a fine musical organization. Under the direction of Mr. Harold T. Parry the members get a chance to display their talents at their annual spring concert. The band sponsors the Campus Sweetheart contest, entertains us during football season and at Christmas time, and gives us good publicity by representing the school in local and statewide parades.



## *Choir*



### CHOIR MEMBERS

FIRST ROW—Addie Magee, Betty Hawkins, Dottie Williams, Barbara Fuller, Hazel Daughtridge, Doris Proctor, Peggy Morgan, Carol Wiggins, Lillie Parker, Ruby Starling. SECOND ROW—Nancy Patterson, Barbara Rice, Jane Warren, Betty Jean Bulluck, Delores Murray, Joanne Holt, Emily Johnson, Helen Tanner, Holt Snell, Evelyn Parker, Dot Evans, Frances English, Helen Harrod, Carolyn Williams, Ruby Riley, Gloria Plummer, Peggy Sutton, Betty Sutton. THIRD ROW—Rebecca Jernigan, Vivian Daughtridge, James Bell, Lawrence Thorp, H L. Johnson, Jack Bizzell, Vernon Huggins, Bill Sexton, Ronnie Lewis, T. E. Ricks, John Booth, Bobby Davis, Marzillia Ann Green, Jean Eason, Mary Baker, Della Warren. FOURTH ROW—Mr. Parry, L. B. Starling, Wilson Harris, Bill Barnes, Thomas Pierce, Arnold Charles, Jimmy McLemore, Albert Rose, Bobby Exley, Tom McMillan, Joe Sexton, Jack Rivenbark, Herman Allen, Pat Boone, Jean Kermon.

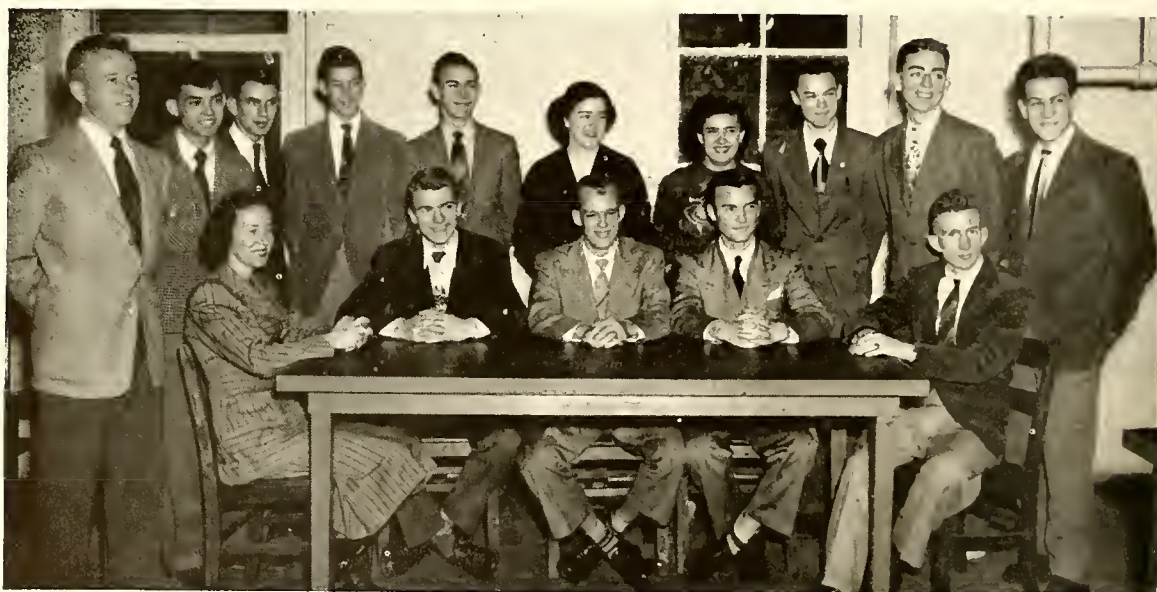
In addition to singing a regular yearly program for all the civic clubs in Rocky Mount the Glee Club presented its Christmas program ten times. Two of these performances were in Red Oak, for the Red Oak School System and the other, sponsored for the second year as a civic project, by the Whitaker's Civic Club. About half of the club made two trips to Greenville to take part in the first vocal clinic to be held in North Carolina. The Clinic was under the capable direction of Paul Young of Chapel Hill. In all the Glee Club has made 25 appearances during the year.



#### D. O. CLASSES

LEFT TO RIGHT—Mr. Chapman, Ernest Adams, Bruce Henry, Richard Walker, Russell Denton, Bobby Joyner, Pete Winstead, Pete Christian.

A Cooperative Arrangement Between the Commercial and Industrial Enterprises of the Community and the High School.



#### D. E. CLUB

SEATED—Miss Riddle, Vernon Culpepper, Wilton Hall, Clarence Walker, Dennis Gardner. STANDING—Dick Peed, Clarence Odom, Carl Wooten, Herbert Gay, James Starling, Joyce Hedgepeth, Virginia Stephenson, Kenneth Little, J. C. Cook, Jimmy McLemore.

To Create Fellowship Among its Members, Prepare for the State and National Conventions, and add to the Professional Progress of the Students.





#### JUNIOR RED CROSS

FIRST ROW—Joyce Rogers, Sue Franks, Ann Eveland, Dee Wilkinson, Sally Weaver, Pat Hayes. SECOND ROW—Carol Wiggins, Joanne Hedgepeth, Daryl Tart, Mary Franks, Tommy Strickland, Addie Magee. THIRD ROW—Miss Turnage, Dorothy Combs, Jean Cooper, Bill Oakley, Robert Mayo, Vivian Mobley, Robert Gardner, Norma Jean Pittman, Mary Jo Goodwin, Ruby Starling, Helen Wells, Donald Lindsey.

To Provide Opportunities for Boys and Girls to Serve Others



#### STUDENT WORLD FEDERALISTS

SEATED—Norman Johnson, Louise Easterling, Edith Ann Mangum, T. E. Ricks. STANDING—Waverly Wood, Phyllis Leggett, Sylvia Pullen, Charles Williams, Mary Jo McKinney, York Brannock, Arlene Geliene, Robert Mayo, Tommye Johnson, Russell Cowell, Margaret Boone, Barbara Rice, Jane Warren, Betty Barnes, Pat Hoyes, Frances Joyner, Jo Ann MacKinnon Donald Melvin, Sylvia Diehl, Miss Parker.

To Inform Concerning the Meaning of World Government; to Work  
Toward Creating A World Federal Government.



#### FUTURE TEACHERS

SEATED—Arleen Geline, Barbara Rice, Betty Robbins. STANDING—Mary Jo McKinney, Phyllis Leggett, Sue Fowlkes, Thomas Carter, Alva Wallace, Donald Melvin, Helen Walters, Shirley Anderson, York Brannock, Jr., Mildred Andrews, Carolyn Stancil, Helen Harrod.

To Encourage Active Interest in the Teaching Profession



#### FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

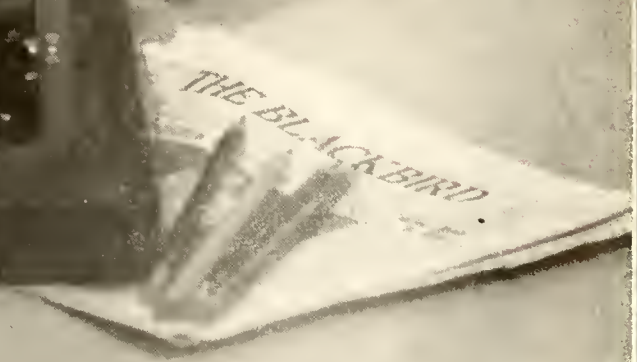
FIRST ROW—Virginia Fipps, Betsy Carr, Julia Spears, Frances Dunn, Sarah Joyner, Anne Bailey. SEATED—Jesse Sykes, Christine Robbins, Joyce Rogers, Ruby Watson, Joan Hedgepeth, Ruth Cobb. STANDING—Margaret Brown, Jennie Yount, Geraldine Starling, Anne Bulluck, Dorothy Combs, Mrs. Williams, Gerald Raynor.

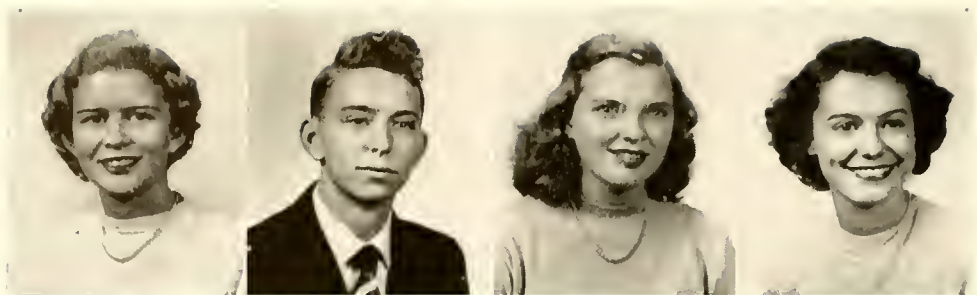
To Offer Opportunity for the Further Development of Activities Related to Homemaking.





The  
Hoc-Ar  
1923





#### HI-NOC-AR STAFF OFFICERS

JANE THOMAS, *Editor-in-Chief*  
HUGH PEARSON, *Business Mgr.*

NANCY HOBBS, *Advertising Mgr.*  
NANCY YELVERTON, *Circulation Mgr.*

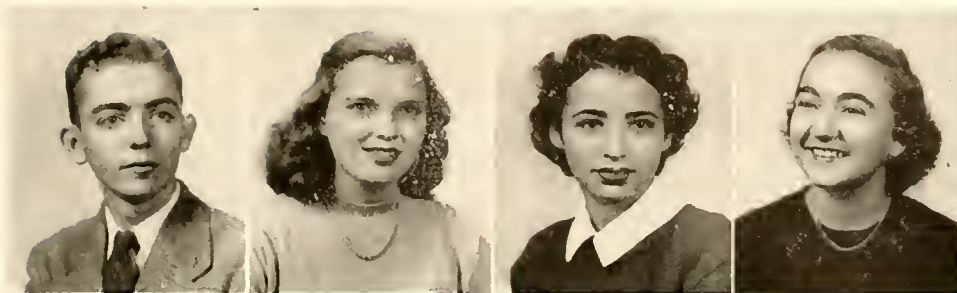


#### HI-NOC-AR STAFF

FIRST ROW—Lawrence Thorpe, Nancy Hobbs, Jane Thomas, Nancy Yelverton, Hugh Pearson, Louie Lee Patseavouras.  
SECOND ROW—Miss Murchison, J. C. Cooke, Grady Edwards, Peggy Edmundson, Betty Barnes, Billy Jean Ower, Nancy Bartholomew, Joe Nelson, Bobby Gorham, Mr. Privott.

The Hi-Noc-Ar is the annual publication of the Senior Class of Rocky Mount High School. The Annual staff is composed of the Editor-in-Chief, Business Manager, Advertising Manager, Circulation Manager, and eight to ten staff members. All Members of the Hi-Noc-Ar staff are seniors with the exception of four juniors who are elected by the complete staff to serve as apprentices and who will be trained to fill the positions of editor and advertising manager for the following year.





#### BLACKBIRD STAFF OFFICERS

J. C. COOK, *Editor-in-Chief*  
NANCY HOBBS, *Business Mgr.*

ARLEEN GELINE, *Advertising Mgr.*  
BETTY ROBBINS, *Circulation Mgr.*



#### THE BLACKBIRD STAFF

STANDING—Peggy Daughtridge, Nancy Williams, Mrs. T. D. Young, J. C. Cook, Norman Johnson. SEATED—Betty Robbins, Peggy Edmondson, Billie Jo Works, Louise Easterling, Jimmy Carter, Donna Jean Capps, Nancy Hobbs, Anne Newton, Arleen Geline.

"The Blackbird" is the school newspaper published tri-weekly by members of the Journalism class. It is financed by subscription and advertising. Contributions from students are welcomed and printed if worthy of publication.

The Journalism Class is limited to members of the eleventh and twelfth grades. The staff is chosen by vote of the class members. Official staff positions are: Editor-in-Chief, News Editor, Sports Editor, Feature Editor, Business Manager, Advertising Manager, Circulation Manager. If necessary an assistant may be selected specifically for any or all of the above positions. The rest of the staff are listed as reporters.







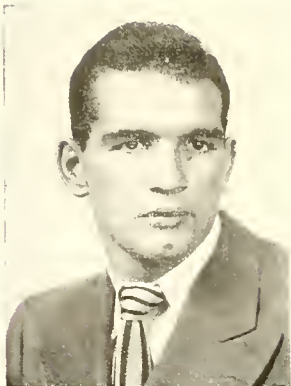


### VARSITY FOOTBALL

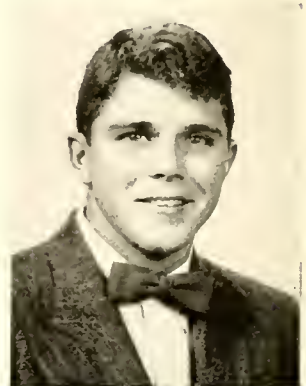
FIRST ROW—E. H. Jones, Bob Britt, Joe Sexton, Jack Thomas, Bobby Joe Baker, Charles Batchelor, Jimmy Brake, Eliard Croom, Lamont Gibson, Joe Brewer. SECOND ROW—Broadus Rose, Bill Barnes, Albert Rose, Roy McCarter, Jimmy McLemore, Raymond Searcy, Tommy Gupton, Joe Wheelless, Howard McAdams, J. D. Ezzelle. THIRD ROW—Tommy Bass, Manager, Jackie Morgan, Robert Bartholomew, Frank Livesay, Hugh Laughridge, Dan Herring, Kenneth Blocker, Billy Mehle, Jimmy Rea Moore, Bobby Pennington, Bill Phillips, B. D. Rabil.



EMERY E. ADKINS  
Athletic Director and Head Coach of Football



CHARLES BATCHELOR  
Co-Captain; 155 pound halfback

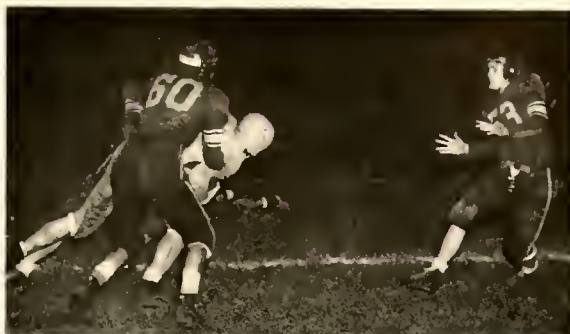


BOBBY JOE BAKER  
Co-Captain; 170 pound center



# 1948 RECORD

Rocky Mount	18	Oxford Orphanage	6
Rocky Mount	7	Greensboro	13
Rocky Mount	19	Goldsboro	6
Rocky Mount	9	Wilmington	32
Rocky Mount	0	Fayetteville	27
Rocky Mount	7	Durham	26
Rocky Mount	14	Durham County	7
Rocky Mount	7	Wilson	13
Rocky Mount	0	Raleigh	20



TOP—Batchelor closes in for the tackle as Howard McAdams looks on. BOTTOM—Dan Herring picks up yardage on the end-round play.



## "B" SQUAD FOOTBALL TEAM

FIRST ROW—Bill Carr, J.D. Ezzell, Palmer Maples, Colin Sholar, Edd.e Pennington. SECOND ROW—Billy Gupton, Lorenzo Moore, Arthur Proctor, Billy Gray, Billy Holden. THIRD ROW—Bo Thorpe, Jimmy Pierce, Bob Britt, Aubrey Odom, Devone Ellis. FOURTH ROW—George Harris, Dickey Taylor, Mack Gay, Bobby Owns, Lester Croom. FIFTH ROW—Joe Bennet, West Spain, Ed Bandy, Ben Futrell, and John Hardison.



### VARSIY BASKETBALL

LEFT TO RIGHT—Frank Livesay, Hugh Laughridge, Ronald Norville, Gilbert McCullen, Joe Wheelless, Jammy Gardner, Howard McAdams, Paul Maus, Bill Phillips, Billy Reese, Dan Herring, Billy Mehle.



C. V. LUNDY  
Head Basketball Coach and  
Physical Education Director

### 1948 — 49 RECORD

Rocky Mount	25	Newport News	30
Rocky Mount	26	Warrwick High	27
Rocky Mount	32	Greenville	28
Rocky Mount	52	Durham County	32
Rocky Mount	19	Durham	31
Rocky Mount	21	Wilmington	43
Rocky Mount	29	Goldsboro	32
Rocky Mount	27	Hugh Morson	30
Rocky Mount	34	Fayetteville	44
Rocky Mount	36	Wilson	38
Rocky Mount	48	Durham	42
Rocky Mount	37	Wilmington	75
Rocky Mount	51	Goldsboro	30
Rocky Mount	30	Hugh Morson	44
Rocky Mount	52	Fayetteville	34
Rocky Mount	38	Wilson	44
Rocky Mount	34	Needham Broughton	53
Rocky Mount	38	Needham Broughton	44





Three of the Varsity's outstanding performers are shown in action shots. From Left to Right: Forward Dan Herring, Guard Gilbert McCullen, and Center Hugh Laughridge.



#### JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

Robert Bartolomew, Roy McCarter, Bill Sexton, Billy Overton, Bob Britt, Billy Gray, Bobby Owen, J. D. Ezzelle, Alton Elmore, George Harris.



#### BASEBALL TEAM

FIRST ROW—Tommy Bass, Charles Daniels, Randolph Joyner, Jack Thomas, Bob Britt, Bobby Carpenter, Harold Anderson, Gilbert McCullen. SECOND ROW—Joe Wheelis, Bobby Craft, West Spain, Billy Mehle, Hugh Laughridge, Jimmy Holiday, Jack Griffin, Bo Thorpe.

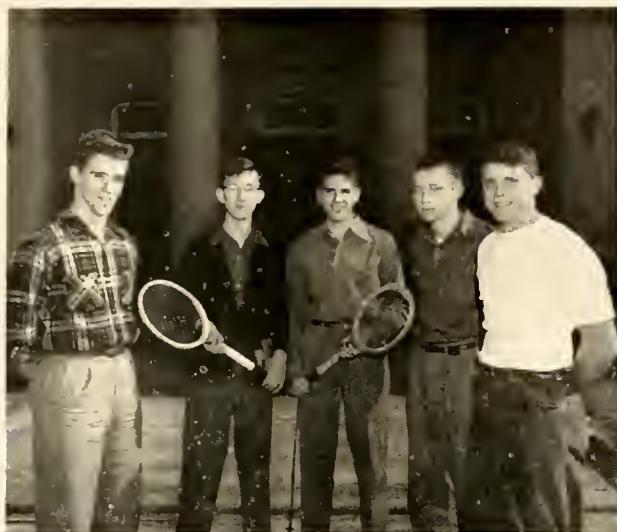


CLEET C. CLEETWOOD  
Head Coach of Baseball and  
Junior Varsity Football Coach

#### 1949 SCHEDULE

April	6	Greenville at Rocky Mount
April	8	Durham at Rocky Mount
April	12	Wilson at Wilson
April	15	Fayetteville at Rocky Mount
April	19	Wilmington at Rocky Mount
April	21	Goldsboro at Goldsboro
April	22	Raleigh at Raleigh
April	26	Goldsboro at Rocky Mount
April	28	Greenville at Greenville
May	3	Durham at Durham
May	5	Wilson at Rocky Mount
May	10	Fayetteville at Fayetteville
May	13	Wilmington at Wilmington
May	17	Raleigh at Rocky Mount





#### BOY'S TENNIS TEAM

Bill Phillips, Edward English, Dick Gregory, Blake Hardison, Bobby Jo Baker.



#### GIRL'S TENNIS TEAM

Lucy Ann Boddie, Luta Chipley, Clara Ellen Francis, Nancy Yelverton, Jean Kermon, Robin Arrington, Lillie Parker, Olivia Ellen, Billie Jean Owen.



#### VOLLEY BALL

FIRST ROW—Pansy Bryan, Dot Whitley, Jean Proctor, Jeanette Holmes. SECOND ROW—Jean Strickland, Barbara Jenkins, Joyce Perry. THIRD ROW—Shirley Surles, Annette Jenkins. FOURTH ROW—Rebecca Griffin, Dolly Watkins.



#### BASKETBALL

FIRST ROW—Margaret Moore Eason, Jonnie Shelton, Julia Jordan, Anita Williams. SECOND ROW—Tam Holiday, Margaret Warren, Mary Jo Goodwin, Julia Harrell. THIRD ROW—Kitty Friar, Nancy Adams, Mary Howell.



### CHEERLEADERS

Lucy Ann Boddie, Head Cheerleader. Louie Lee Patseavouras, Robin Arrington, Harry Pearsall, Roy Lee Fulcher, Peggy Daughtridge, Nancy Bartholomew, Raymond Dorsett.



MISS JULIA FULLER  
Director of  
Girls' Athletics



A. M. MCGREGOR  
Business Manager  
of Athletics



BLACKBIRD CLOWNS  
Jack Griffin and Jimmy Gilliam



**'THE BEST YEAR OF OUR LIVES'**

*Curtain  
Call*



**1949**

## *Senior Superlatives*



*Most Popular*

*Most School Spirited*

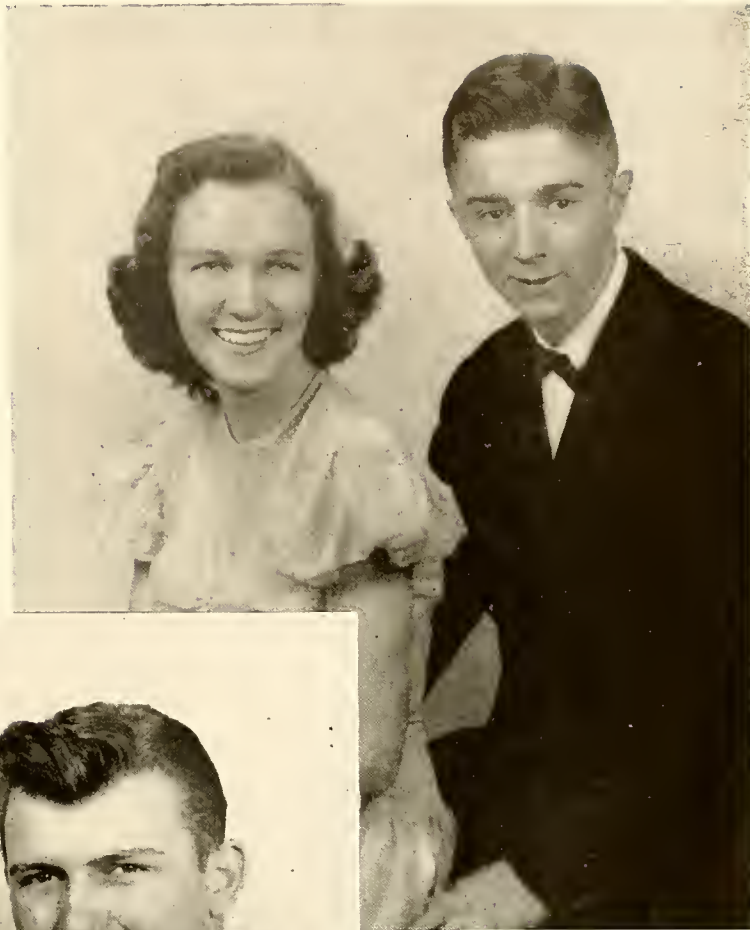
LUCY ANN BODDIE and BILLY RECTOR



## *Senior Superlatives*

### *Most Courteous*

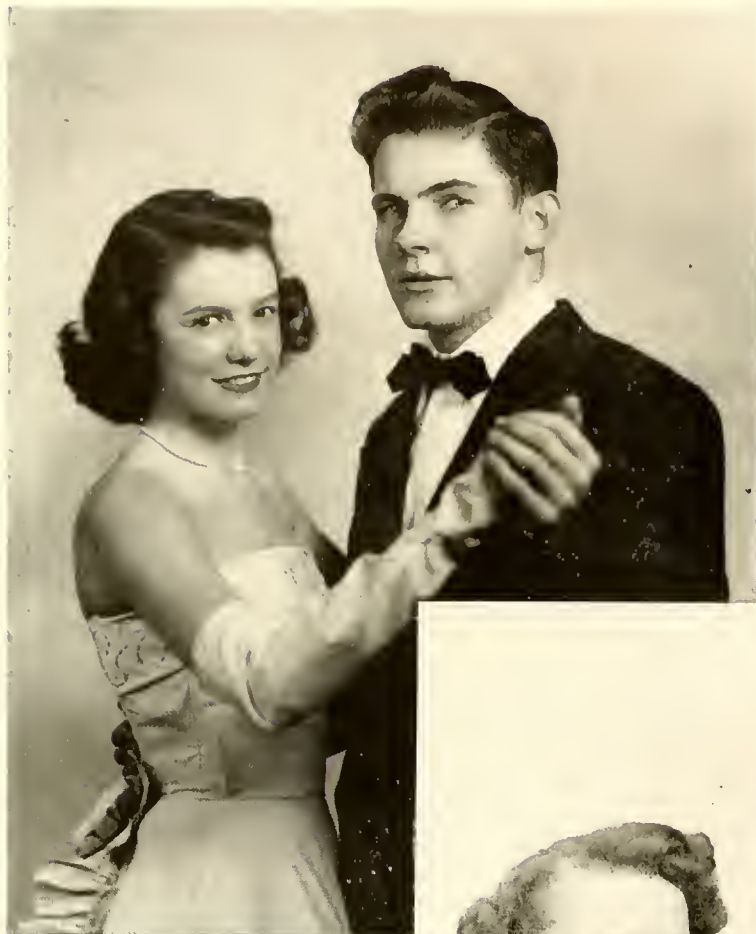
MARZILLA GREEN  
JIMMY GILLIAM



### *Most Talented*

NANCY HOBBS  
LEONARD STARLING

## *Senior Superlatives*



*Best Looking*

NANCY YELVERTON

JOE BREWER



*Best Dressed*

JEAN DAVENPORT

JOE BREWER



## *Senior Superlatives*

### *Most Intelligent*

MARY TOM BATTLE  
BILLY RECTOR



### *Most Likely To Succeed*

JANE THOMAS  
BILLY RECTOR

## *Senior Superlatives*



### *Most Athletic*

JEAN KERMON  
BOBBY JO BAKER



### *Wittiest*

JEAN KERMON  
LEON YELVERTON



## *Senior Superlatives*

### *Best Natured*

CLARA ELLEN FRANCIS  
ROY LEE FULCHER



### *Most Dependable*

CLARA ELLEN FRANCIS  
BILLY RECTOR



## Around The Clock

7:20 Just a few more minutes of beauty sleep for Robin. Morning always comes too soon, but today is Friday and that's one consolation anyway. Sweet dreams will soon be interrupted by the rude jingling of the alarm clock.

12:00 One more hour before lunch! Why can't all classes be as much fun and as interesting as Home Ec? Delores, Pat, and Carrie Belle seem to be helping Robin to pick out the latest fashions. They'll have to get down to hard work in a minute.

3:05 What would the seniors do without the Senior Steps—the tradition of the high school? Before school, at lunch, and after school this is the meeting place for the lucky seniors. The underclassmen have to be content with just looking forward to the time when they can go on the Senior Steps.

3:15 Every school has its Soda Shop—a place which is quite dull during school hours, but a place that comes alive with the noise and activity of students soon after the last school bell has rung. Here Robin, Billie Jean, and Lucy Ann are enjoying a Coke before going to work or to the Teen-Age Club.







## At R. M. H. S.

3:30 How many hours per student, per week, are spent at the Ten-Age Club? Nancy, Robin, Joyce, Doril, and Betty Jean are talking to the boys and getting a little sunshine before going down to dance, play cards, checkers, or ping-pong, or just talk.

5:30 "How about a date tonight? I just found out I could get a ride or I would have called sooner." Billy is a Symbol of the mad scramble for dates on Friday nights. After all, Friday would lose some of its meaning if there were no dating going on.

10:30 Oh, a milk-shake at the Dairy Bar before finishing off a wonderful evening. Robin and Billy look so happy together! The Dairy Bar has become a part of the lives of the students at RMHS.

11:15 Nancy is spending the night with Robin so she helps roll up her hair. No doubt they are discussing what a wonderful day it has been. Friendliness, helpfulness, and a spirit of co-operation are all a part of a typical day, around the clock, at RMHS.





NANCY YELVERTON

#### CAMPUS SWEETHEART

At the Rocky Mount—Durham County football game, the local spectators enjoyed an additional thrill as Nancy Yelverton was announced the Campus Sweetheart of 1948. Her runners-up were Billie Jean Owen and Nancy Bartholomew. The RMHS band sponsors this annual event and all the homerooms in school participate in the election of the sweetheart. Each homeroom nominated either a junior or a senior girl to run for the honor. These nominees were later voted on and the top three were chosen. The final results were kept secret until the moment Nancy was presented. During half-time Nancy and her runners-up were driven in style across the playing field in a shiny new convertible, escorted by the majorettes. The band serenaded her with "Sweetheart" as they formed a heart around the car.

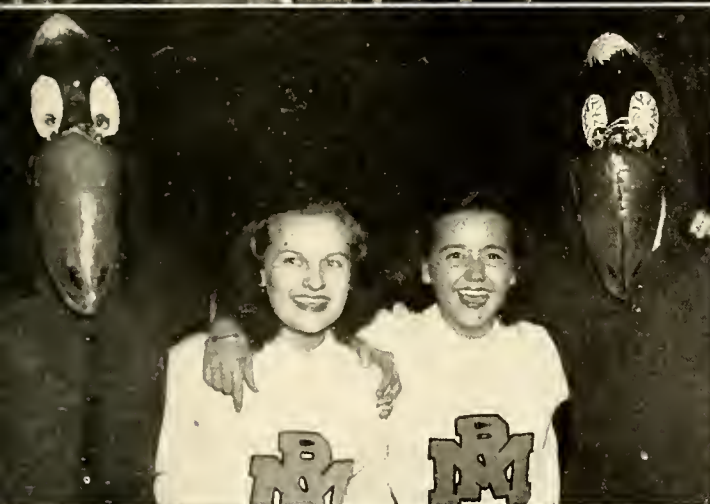
#### "MISS PRINT"

Climaxing days of campaigning, it was announced that the coveted title of "Miss Print of 1948-49" had been won by Donna Jean Capps. This contest which is sponsored by the Blackbird staff was begun last year and has rapidly grown in popularity. This year student interest was aroused by attractive posters which decorated all the arcades, halls and classrooms. Much credit is due to the campaign managers who worked diligently for their candidates. Donna received 4,369 votes to give her the title. Runners-up were Tamara Holliday, Sue Franks, Gloria Plummer, and Blanche Wilkins, who gathered the next amount of votes. The other candidates were: Faye Reynolds, Elaine Hardy, Billie Jean Owen, Jean Davenport, and Lucy Ann Boddie. The money collected during the campaign was used to help pay the expenses of the Blackbird during the remainder of the year and for improvements for the paper.



DONNA JEAN CAPPS





During an assembly sponsored by the Good Sports Club, Willie Price proudly hands a telegram to Mistress of Ceremonies, Clara Ellen Francis. Is that a signal Clara Ellen is giving?

"Hey, go easy on the wig!" Miss "Murk" no doubt found the Student-Faculty game quite exciting. Mrs. Bessie Carr enjoyed watching Miss "Murk" while Mrs. Anne Farmer concentrated on the game.

Here is our unsung heroine, Mary Boyd. The candy and chewing gum papers would be knee-deep in the halls were it not for Mary. Wonder if she works as hard cleaning her new home in Lincoln Park?

The favorite of favorites. Our own "Spero". The team couldn't play a game and the cheerleaders just couldn't lead a yell without the loyal support of "Spero". Incidentally, the cheerleaders found the cigar adequate to warm by when the nights were chilly.

Out of the wild blue yonder zoom two lonely "Blackbirds" in union suits and colorful masks. Under the garb are Jack Griffin and Jimmy Gilliam. They fold their wings to pose for a picture with cheerleaders, Nancy Bartholomew and Lucy Ann Boddie.

Campus Sweetheart of 1949! Nancy Yelverton smiles as they come in view of the crowded stadium. Seated with her are runners-up, Billie Jean Owen and Nancy Bartholomew.





Pa and Ma go to school—night school that is—and it's all the P. T. S. A.'s fault! Look at Peggy Griffin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thorp, (pinch hitting for Lawrence and Herbert, the Goodwyns, Mrs. Mauldin, Mrs. James and Mrs. Oakley sitting so proper in Miss "Murk's" first period English class.

There's no doubt about the senior and freshman parents in the next picture. Robin Arrington's mother and dad are going confidently on their way, while the Rabils are as confused as son Albert was on his first day in RMHS.

Roy Lee Fulcher's mother is leading the way up the steps for her friends who are already exclaiming, "How much farther do we have to go?"

"And this one is particularly good", says Mrs. Van Buskirk as she proudly explains the biology projects to this group of doting parents.

"Beat me daddy, eight to the bar! what a symphony this must have been. Peggy Griffin's parents certainly get around. Mr. and Mrs. Harrod seem to be enjoying themselves, too. Wonder if Barbara Rice's mother was afraid of the birdie?"

"O. K., Mr. Wood, drop that gun!" You might know we'd find Waverly's parents in the shop somewhere, and being just as busy as their son. Mrs. Williams is interested in what Bobby Hux is doing.





RMHS had a visit from its own Santa, alias Joe Nelson, at the Christmas dance. Here Joe, er, Santa is reading letters from the little boys and girls of high school.

There was a big crowd at the Christmas dance! You can see for yourself. Lots of guests, students, and graduates came to help celebrate the closing of school for the holidays.

This nine piece orchestra is the pride and joy of the high school. Each member has given much of his free time and talents to bring enjoyment to the music lovers of high school. They may be amateurs but to students they sound like a name band.

Nancy and Teddy seem unconcerned in this close up of the Christmas dance. If faces in the background can be distinguished, its easy to see everyone is enjoying himself.

## In Memoriam

They gave us our diplomas tonight,  
And my, but we were proud!  
In cap and gown we slowly marched  
Down the aisle past such a crowd  
Of parents, teachers, relatives and friends.  
Who would have thought so many would care?  
It would have been the happiest moment of my life  
If just three more could have been there!  
For there were vacant places in our hearts,  
If not in our ranks in line;  
And we were conscious of those absent ones  
Who were once part of the Class of '49!  
There should have been a lovely girl  
With sparkling eyes and lustrous red hair,  
Whose courage will never be forgotten,  
Yes, Freda should have been there!  
And there was a place, too, for someone else;  
A tall boy, rather quiet and shy,  
Who liked to tinker with anything mechanical.  
Yes, J. D. should have marched by!  
We missed Allene in that line of gray,  
For she, too, was one of us at the start,  
And even though she had moved away,  
She still had a place in our hearts.  
Youth is never serious people often say;  
They never have a worry or a care.  
But they are wrong, for on our graduation night,  
We missed the three who weren't there!





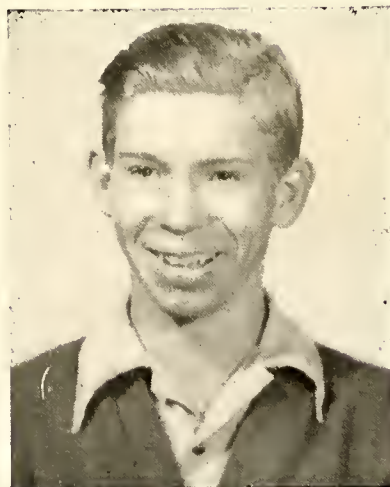
FREDA PARHAM

June 6, 1930  
October 15, 1946



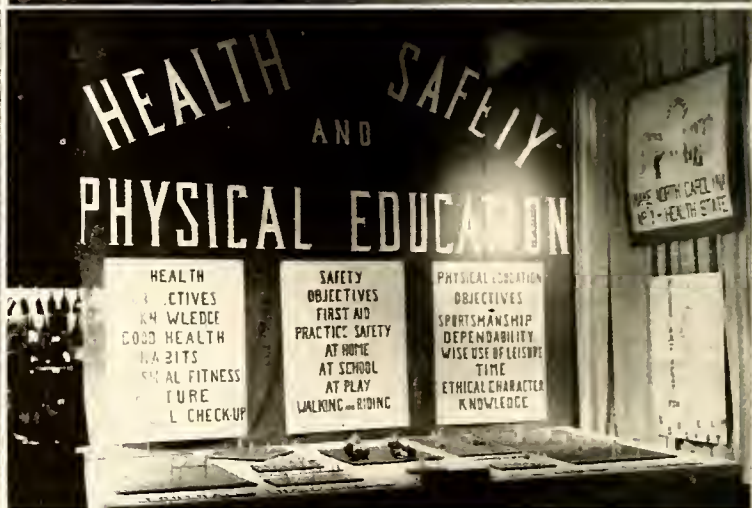
ALLENE GLOVER

December 16, 1930  
May 18, 1948



J. D. BLOUNT

September 29, 1929  
June 9, 1948



The impressive installation ceremony of the National Honor Society has added meaning for Clara Ellen Francis, Nancy Yelverton, T. E. Ricks, and Olivia Ellen, the new members.

Nope—those teachers aren't in mortal agony nor have they eaten green persimmons. It's just the bubble gum contest the Good Sports Club sponsored in assembly! Is it any wonder Mr. Edson won?

"Coach" Johnson gives his team a final pep talk before the student-faculty game. That isn't a man from Mars in the middle, but Mr. Chapman who isn't taking any chances with his glasses.

Here's part of the cast of JANE EYRE—with Jane (better known as Nancy Yelverton) missing. Tommye Johnson, Bob Thomas, Joe Nelson, Billie Jean Owen, Barbara Taylor, and Peggy Edmondson pose for us.

The "Broken Bones Brigade" beam at us from the gym steps. Never let it be said that RMHS didn't do its part toward furnishing doctors with work this year. At one time one wasn't in style if he didn't have crutches or a cast!

Down in the lower right we see the prize-winning Health and Physical Education exhibit of which Miss Fuller, her girls, and the school are so justly proud. It caused quite a bit of favorable comment at the State Fair.





## *Advertisements*

The HI-NOC-AR Staff and the entire Senior Class wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and deep appreciation to the many businesses and concerns who have made it possible for us to publish the nineteen hundred and forty-nine HI-NOC-AR by purchasing advertising space in the pages that follow.

To the advertisers, we the staff members say, "Thank you" and to the subscribers of our annual we say, "Let's help make a good city a better city by supporting our local merchants and business concerns."



## WE CHALLENGE YOU

Have you read the story in the paper,  
Of the accident that happened today;  
And how it was caused by a caper,  
Of a prankster just a little too gay?

Did you see that guy bet a dime,  
He could – but he couldn't that way;  
Did it make you think of other times,  
When you learned carelessness didn't pay?

Was it you or someone dear to you,  
That couldn't be told, but had to learn;  
Will you remember the next time too,  
That for safety we can never just yearn?

We're so proud of you on your graduation,  
Won't you make us proud of you in return?  
Do your share to win for us a reputation  
The best safety record of any city, let's earn!

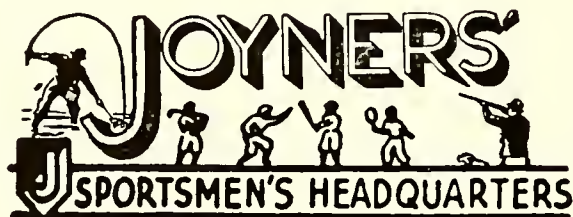
R. B.

**CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT**  
*POLICE DEPARTMENT*

# SPORTING GOODS

TOYS - BICYCLES

PICTURE FRAMING



132 SOUTH MAIN STREET

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.

---

FOR BETTER CROPS, LAWNS, SHRUBS, AND TREES, USE . . . .

## PLANTERS CONTROLLED FERTILIZERS

Manufactured by

**PLANTERS COTTON OIL & FERTILIZER CO.**

Main Office — Rocky Mount

Branch offices:

Scotland Neck, Nashville, Whitakers, and Goldsboro



DODGE PASSENGER CARS

DODGE *Job-Rated* TRUCKS



PLYMOUTH PASSENGER CARS

SALES AND SERVICE

## HOLBROOK MOTOR COMPANY

507 S. Church Street

Telephone 1201

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.

---

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES  
TO THE GRADUATES OF 1949

JOYNER OIL COMPANY, Inc.



SHELL PRODUCTS

## BULLUCK FURNITURE COMPANY

### QUALITY FURNITURE

124 S. CHURCH STREET

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.

*OUR* congratulation and best wishes to the graduates of  
1949 . . . our Country, and the World looks to you . . .  
for a Better Tomorrow.



ROCKY MOUNT'S OWN STORE

### ALMAND'S

ROCKY MOUNT'S EXCLUSIVE

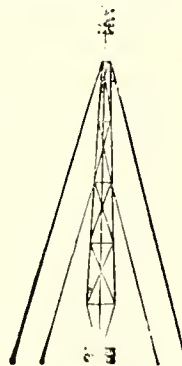
CUT RATE DRUG STORE

130 S. Main Street

PRESCRIPTIONS

Soda Fountain

Luncheonette



### RADIO STATIONS

**WCEC & WCEC-FM**

*"Your Information Stations"*

810 on AM - 100.7 on FM

115 N. Church Street

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.

THRIFT IS AN ESSENTIAL VIRTURE WITH ALL PEOPLE

### THE PLANTERS NATIONAL BANK & TRUST CO.

1899

THE BANK OF PERSONAL SERVICE

1949

ROCKY MOUNT, NORTH CAROLINA

Member Federal Reserve System — Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

### BREWER PAINT & WALL PAPER CO.

Paint and Wall Paper Contractors

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.

GREENSBORO, N. C.



**PURIFOY'S OYSTER BAR**

AND

**SEAFOOD CAFE**

AT

ROCKY MOUNT'S  
FAIRGROUNDS CAFE

**Rawls & Winstead, Inc.**

WHOLESALE AUTO PARTS

AND SUPPLIES

PHONES 1230 - 1231

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.

IF IT'S BETTER SERVICE YOU WANT

CALL US

**BERNARD TAYLOR MOTOR COMPANY**

*Nash*

Genuine Nash Parts and Accessories

Complete Repair Service for All Makes Cars and Trucks

809 - 811 South Church Street

PHONE 3000

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.

**Daughtridge Fuel Company**

COAL — FUEL OIL

TELEPHONE 366

**The Daniel Company**

CASE FARM MACHINERY

GENERAL ELECTRIC

APPLIANCES

PURINA FEEDS — SEEDS

Highway 301 1 Mile South

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.

*We hope this annual  
will be as much pleasure  
to you as it has been to us.*



*Call us Anytime  
for Anything in  
Photography.*



## **BARRINGER STUDIO, Inc.**

129 Western Avenue

Rocky Mount, North Carolina

Owned and operated by Dot and Bugs Barringer



## HOME SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION

INSURED SAVINGS — HOME LOAN



125 TARBORO STREET

PHONE 207

---

## STANDARD INSURANCE & REALTY CO.

INSURANCE — RENTALS — REAL ESTATE

125 TARBORO STREET

PHONE 207

---

BEST WISHES TO THE GRADUATING CLASS

RAY BANDY'S

DESOTO & PLYMOUTH

TELEPHONE 2700

---

ROLLER CHAMPION FLOUR

"THE FLOUR THE BEST COOKS USE"

Distributed by

**GEORGE S. EDWARDS & COMPANY**

Established 1892

Rocky Mount, North Carolina

## CADDELL MOTORS

STUDEBAKER SALES AND SERVICE

Rocky Mount, North Carolina

256 TARBORO STREET

PHONES 2853 - 2854

### Lakeview Cleaners, Inc.

"The Home of Better Cleaning"

PHONE 2820

Opposite City Lake

*Epstein's*  
"The Quality Corner"

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.

### J. S. Gorham Hardware Co.

"YOUR FRIENDLY STORE"

239 - 241 Tarboro Street

PHONE 234

### M. R. ROBBINS

*Life Insurance*

If you don't buy from us . . .

buy anyway

## DAVENPORT MOTOR COMPANY

PONTIAC - CADILLAC

TELEPHONE 3175

900 S. CHURCH STREET

ROCKY MOUNT, NORTH CAROLINA



## **CAROLINA MACHINERY & SUPPLY CO.**

PHONE 17 - 18

320 - 322 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET

---

### **PITTMAN'S ESSO SERVICE**

CHURCH STREET and FALLS ROAD

Complete Lubrication — Tires and Accessories

PHONE 9171

---

### **NEW YORK CAFE**

"Try Our Tasty Meals"

**SIZZLING STEAKS**

and

**Delicious Meals of All Kinds**

Tarboro Street

Rocky Mount

### **HOGGARD-VANN MOTORS**

*HUDSON-OLDS MOBILE*

Federal Trucks — Fisk Tires

Sales and Service

413 S. Church St.

Phone 21

---

FOR THE BEST IN RADIO

### **RADIO SERVICE SHOP**

"There is no substitute for experience"

---

## **WILKINSON, BULLUCK & COMPANY**

Established 1895

**INSURANCE OF ALL KINDS — RENTALS**

**MORTGAGE LOANS — REAL ESTATE**

126 N. Main Street

Rocky Mount, N. C.

**I. W. Rose Drug Company**

PHONES 15 and 16

Rocky Mount, N. C.

Complete Prescription Service

EAT AT

**BUSY BEE CAFE**

GRADE "A"

Tobacco Town

G. L. PATSEAVORAS, Proprietor

**WHAT'S YOUR GUESS?**

How much of each dollar industry takes in do you guess would be a fair profit for business to make?

Some people guess profits run as high as 25 cents out of each dollar of sales. Most people guess that 10 to 15 cents would be a fair profit.

But there's no need to guess. Government figures show industry averages less than half that much profit!

And, don't forget, about half of what industry does make goes right back into business to help pay for the development and expansion that bring more jobs and greater security for all.

So, whenever you hear of a local firm "making good"—you know that's a good thing. For it means more jobs for folks in our town.

*The Shelton Looms*

SIDNEY BLUMENTHAL & Co., INC.

ESTABLISHED 1854

CAROMOUNT DIVISION

ROCKY MOUNT, North Carolina

**CHANDLER'S**

5c to \$1.00 STORE

Two Entrances

106 N. Main St.

114 Sunset Ave.

*Coplon's, Inc.*  
*Rocky Mount, N.C.*

"The Fashion Center

for Thrifty Women"

330 S. Main Street



GO TO  
**THE DAIRY BAR**

FOR THE BEST  
ICE CREAM      MILKSHAKES  
SANDWICHES OF ALL KINDS

*GOOD SERVICE*

**QUALITY SODA SHOP**

The Best

HOT DOGS and HAMBURGERS

In Town

**HAMBURGER HEAVEN**



*Pepsi-Cola Company, Long Island City, N. Y.*

Bottled Locally by Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co., Rocky Mount, N. C.

As you walk, as you talk, with the one you love,  
 Do you know just how lucky you are,  
 As you stroll hand in hand, with the moon above,  
 Do you know just how lucky you are? Haven't you  
 many heartaches in this sad world? The hope  
 that a dream will come true,  
 that you will find that one who will love you,  
 that's the greatest of blessings. You can  
 no longer know just how lucky you are.

## **SURPLUS OUTLET STORE**

HEADQUARTERS FOR  
**ARMY, NAVY, and CIVILIAN SURPLUS GOODS**

Dress in Style on Easy Terms

At The

**ROYAL CLOTHING CO.**

118 S. Washington St.

AIR CONDITIONED

*Parker's Restaurant*

"You Can Trust Us With Your Food"

We Make Better

Donuts and Sandwiches

**GLENN'S DONUT SHOP**

PHONE 2280

Congratulations and Best Wishes

To The Class of 1949

**G. R. Garrett Tobacco Co., Inc.**

Congratulations

To The Class of 1949

**STANCIL'S GROCERY  
 AND MARKET**

**DAVIS**

**Refrigeration Service**

1034 S. Church Street

PHONE 1365

**ROCKY MOUNT SHOE & CLOTHING CO.**

"A GOOD STORE FOR YOUNG MEN"



## *Cameo Theatre*

180 N. Main Street

Phone 1801

---

### **CUTCHIN-JONES MOTOR COMPANY**

**CHRYSLER — PLYMOUTH MOTOR CARS**

Phone 362

128 Rose Street

---

### **SOUTHERN DARIES, Inc.**

122 Coast Line Street

Phone 2892

Rocky Mount, North Carolina

**MILK — ICE CREAM — BIRDSEYE FROZEN FOODS**

---

IT ALWAYS PAYS TO SHOP AT

**BELK - TYLER 'S**

*"EASTERN CAROLINA'S SHOPPING CENTER"*

## CENTER SODA SHOP

"Your After School Meeting Place"

Get your Cokes, Snacks, and Sandwiches from Jack and Frances

## ALLAN MIMS, Inc.

SALES



SERVICE

225 Tarboro Street

Telephones 1460-1461

Rocky Mount, North Carolina

### Standard Pharmacy

**Prescriptions**

Phone 154      124 Sunset Ave.

Rocky Mount, N. C.

### POWELL BUSINESS EQUIPMENT COMPANY

142 Howard Street

Phone 214

Printing

Stationers

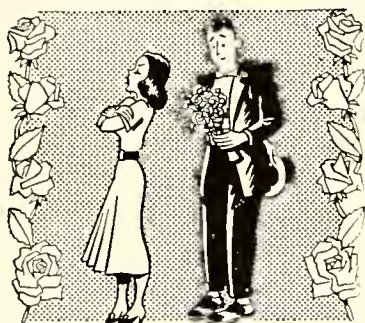
Office Outfitters



## GEHMAN'S

PHONE 1118

129 S. Main Street



*she can't stay angry  
when you take her*

*Flowers*  
from

### Rocky Mount Floral Co.

Arthur R. Weathers & Son

ART IN FLOWERS

Rocky Mount, North Carolina

### Rocky Mount Willys Co.

"THE MIGHTY JEEP"

Church Street and Falls Road

Rocky Mount, North Carolina

### BUNTING-HARDY & MINGES

QUALITY AND STYLE

IN MEN'S APPAREL

"EXCLUSIVE

BUT NOT EXPENSIVE"

Rocky Mount, North Carolina

DRUGS

PRESCRIPTIONS

"A GOOD DRUG STORE"

### H. L. HICKS DRUG STORE

Always Glad To Serve You

SUNDRIES

SODAS

CONGRATULATIONS



**All-New! 1949 MERCURY**

TWIN COUNTY MOTOR CO.

AUTHORIZED LINCOLN-MERCURY DEALER

*"THE BRIGHTEST CORNER IN ROCKY MOUNT"*



## **E. E. DRAPER & SONS, Inc.**

DRAPER and CORDAGE

Braided Since 1865

### **Wood's Service Station**

Gasoline

Scientific  
Motor  
Tune-up

Tires

Lubricants

Batteries

701 S. Church St.

Phone 285

### **WOOD OIL COMPANY**

Metered  
Fuel  
Oil



Gasoline  
Kerosene  
Lubricants

701 S. Church St.

Phone 285

### **DANIEL'S, Inc.**

"The Shopping Center for

Women and Junior Misses"

Main Street

Rocky Mount, N. C.

Coats - Suits - Dresses - Lingerie

### **MAYFAIR SHOP**

Smart Apparel for Women

300 S. Main Street

Rocky Mount, North Carolina

Sportswear — Accessories

### **W. C. REID & COMPANY**

#### **MUSIC CENTER**

Pianos - Radios - Records - Music

143 S. Main St.

Phone 2693

### **JAMES M. FOX**

#### **JEWELER**

126 S. Main Street

Rocky Mount, North Carolina

### **WHALEY FURNITURE COMPANY**

Authorized Dealer for

Hot Point Electrical Appliances and Complete Home Furnishings

Main and Hill Street

**PRIDGEN TIRE COMPANY, Inc.**

**QUALITY TIRE REBUILDING**

**U. S. TIRES**

**PHONE 413**

---

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**CHARLES DEPARTMENT STORE**

**YOUR ONE STOP**

**SHOPPING CENTER**

---

**WIMBERLEY AND GREGORY**

**RENTS — REAL ESTATE**

**INSURANCE**

**123 Sunset Avenue**

**Telephone 41**

---

**First Federal Savings and Loan Association**

**Organized 1902**

**Member Federal Home Loan Bank System**

**Telephone 42**

**123 Sunset Avenue**



Thriftiness is Responsible For

Most Early Success

An Insured Savings Account In This

Association Will Help You To

An Early Success

**BUILDERS FEDERAL**

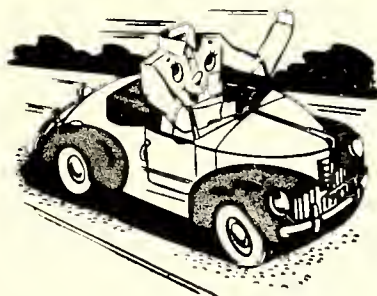
**Savings and Loan Association of Rocky Mount**

City Industrial Bank Building

Dry Cleaning

By

Experts



Laundrying

With

Care

**BISHOP LAUNDRY COMPANY**

**"WE DO IT BETTER"**

**PHONES 72 - 73**

**Bulluck Auto Sales Inc.**

Chevrolet Sales and Service

Goodyear Tires and Batteries

Genuine

Chevrolet Parts and Accessories

**RADIO HOSPITAL**

127 South Washington Street

PHONE 2673

*Congratulations from*

**PEOPLES OIL COMPANY**

W. HENRY TOLER, Prop.

PRODUCTS



DISTRIBUTORS

*"Our Fuel Oil Makes Warm Friends"*

**S. E. BULLUCK**

Anything in

Jewelry, Watches, and Clocks

Jewelry Repairing and Engraving

PHONE 684-W

111 S. Washington Street

CONGRATULATIONS

TO

THE CLASS OF 1949

**GLAMOR SHOP**



Best Wishes and Good Luck to the Senior Class of 1949

**CENTER and CAROLINA**  
**Theatres**

"Rocky Mount's Favorite Entertainment Centers"

**W. R. SUMMERELL**

**SHOE SERVICE**

211 South Main Street

**PROCTOR'S**

**VICTOR**

and

**BLUEBIRD RECORDS**

151 S. Main Street

Congratulations, Seniors!

**Imperial Furniture Co.**

**"HOME FURNISHINGS"**

PHONE 2705

140 S. Washington Street

Laundry Washing

Is Pure Because

It Pasteurizes

**SUNSHINE LAUNDRY**

PHONE 2100

**PEERLESS CLEANERS**

**Dry Cleaners and Dyers**

Phone 265                      206 Rose Street

Rocky Mount, North Carolina

**BEST WISHES**

**Modern Builders, Inc.**

**GENERAL CONTRACTORS**

**HAYES CASH GROCERY**

GROCERIES — FRESH MEATS

AND PRODUCE

845 Falls Road

Phone 408

**WALLACE CLEANERS**

Phone 685

833 Falls Road

ESTABLISHED 1813

**ROCKY MOUNT MILLS**

CARDED COTTON YARN

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.

**THOMAS COZY CAFE**

AIR CONDITIONED

WESTERN STEAKS

REGULAR DINNERS

Mrs. Nina Parker Shearin, Prop.

IF IT'S NEW . . .

WE HAVE IT

**VOGUE DRESS SHOP**



FINANCING AUTOMOBILES

Any Make - Any Model - Any Year

**Direct Auto Finance Co., Inc.**

TELEPHONE 2110

Corner Washington and Hill Streets

Rocky Mount, North Carolina

GO TO

**JOHN B. EXUM'S**

for

**Men's Clothing, Shoes**

and

**Furnishings of Better Quality**

Phone 2957

112 Tarboro St.

THIS ANNUAL PRINTED BY

**WALKER-ROSS PRINTING CO.**

COMMERCIAL PRINTERS - OFFICE OUTFITTERS

Telephone 102-J

ROCKY MOUNT, NORTH CAROLINA

Sales **PACKARD** Service

**FLAKE B. CHIPLEY, Inc.**

"Every Service for any Car"

**Carolina School of Commerce**

**"The School That Gets Results"**

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.

*A Business College Specializing in Business  
Training — Expert Instruction — Individual  
Training — Free Demonstration De-  
partment. Approved for G. I. Training.*

L. D. THOMAS, President

Dear Norma,

I'll start out with compliments — the truth of course — Norma you are really a cute girl, pally wo, I wish I had dated you some this year, but I'll make up for it next year. I hope we can have loads of fun in the next ~~3~~ three years in high school. Good hunting during the summer —

AUTOGRAPHS

Love,  
Tommy Strickland  
T. A. T.

Best wishes and loads of good luck in the future  
can well give.

Basie Mae Bailey

Loads of luck  
to you and  
met: girl. Enjoyed  
being in the same.  
I wish you  
I am Ok. Glad

Norma,  
Sue has been  
Latin with you and you  
have a lot of luck (good)  
in the future. See you  
around this soon will.  
Love + stuff  
Bonnie Dunn  
B.E.E. + A.E.K.  
H

Norma,

Loads of luck + every-  
thing like that. I have  
been fun being with you  
in Latin. Maybe we will  
have more classes together  
next year.

Love ya!  
Carolyn Ellis  
B.E.E. + D.F.K.  
C



lots  
of luck  
to a very  
nice girl.  
Archie Olson

Dear Norma,  
Here's to a cute and  
sweet girl. I hope the best  
of everything comes your way.  
All through life, because girls  
just don't come any finer.  
Be good all the time.  
Love,  
Grace  
E. A. A.

Norma,  
you're really a  
sweet girl and a pretty  
one, too. Be good.  
Love ya,  
Fay  
E. A. A.

Lots of luck  
to a swell gal.  
Lots of love  
Betty Salton

Best wishes and  
to a sweet girl. Keep  
up your good  
work. Loads of  
luck. Love,  
Susan Pierce





Norma,

I have had a great  
pleasure teasing you  
this semester and a  
great <sup>pleasure</sup> being together  
with you in two classes  
this semester.

James Womble  
T.R.B.

Dear

Norma It's been  
great being with you  
this year. Best of  
luck next year.  
See ya.  
Worth

Best of luck, and  
lots of love always,  
to a very cute girl,  
who's fun to be with.  
She enjoyed going around  
with you, and know we'll  
have fun next year.

Love ya lots!!  
Kitty

you're real sweet  
you this summer + next year

Love,  
Betty A. Green

This Does NOT Circulate

Vote of Joe R. S. on!  
James Womble

Norma,  
It's been loads  
of fun being in your  
Latin class. Good luck  
to a cute girl.

Love,  
Billy Cooper

Vote of 7-7  
to whom in the  
franchise  
Charlotte Brown



